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## Torres leads delegation to Trump inauguration

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres left Saipan yesterday to attend the inauguration of President-elect Donald J. Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence this Friday in Washington, D.C. He will be joined in D.C. by chief of staff

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### Inaugural program

The order of events at Donald Trump's inauguration ceremony on Jan. 20:

58<sup>th</sup> INAUGURAL

- Prelude** "The President's Own" United States Marine Band
- Call to Order** The Honorable Roy Blunt United States Senator, Missouri
- Readings & Invocation** His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan Archbishop of New York  
Reverend Dr. Samuel Rodriguez National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference  
Pastor Paula White-Cain New Destiny Christian Center
- Musical Selection** Missouri State University Chorale
- The Vice Presidential Oath of Office  
Administered to Michael Richard Pence  
by Justice Thomas  
The Supreme Court of the United States
- Musical Selection** Mormon Tabernacle Choir
- The Presidential Oath of Office  
Administered to Donald John Trump  
by The Chief Justice of the United States
- Inaugural Address** The President of the United States
- Readings & Benediction** Rabbi Marvin Hier Simon Wiesenthal Center  
Reverend Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse and The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
Bishop Wayne T. Jackson Great Faith Ministries International
- The National Anthem** Jackie Evancho

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## Luta custodian fees now \$124K

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National Maritime Services Inc., which is taking care of M/V *Luta* while the ship's legal case goes through the court, now wants to be paid a little over \$124,000 covering four months.

In a second notice on Friday, NMS asked the federal court to order Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto and any other parties to immediately pay it \$124,879 for custodian services provided during a four-month period.

The Florida-based NMS, through counsel Sean E. Frink, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to require

Yamamoto and other parties to pay \$76,530.32 for October, November and December 2016, together with the \$48,348.76 it expects to charge in January 2017, for a grand total of \$124,879.08.

Frink asked the court to direct Yamamoto to pay NMS the full amount at once.

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### ILLEGAL DUMP

Photo shows the illegal dumpsite that has sprouted along Essok Avenue in Koblerville before being cleaned up by the office of Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), with assistance of the staff from the Saipan Mayor's Office.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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## A look at how Trump might shake things up in Asia

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**BEIJING** (AP)—Donald Trump has offered views on U.S. relations

with Asia that could indicate radical shifts in long-standing policy toward the region. From opposing free trade agreements to confronting China and questioning Japan-South Korea alli-

ances, he appears set to be charting a course far different from previous administrations.

Yet, in other areas, including North Korea, India and Pakistan, Trump

appears ready to carry forward well-established U.S. policy. As Trump prepares to be sworn-in as president on Friday, here is a look at some of

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# Local

## Six-person team tackles illegal dumpsite

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The office of Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), with the assistance of staff from the Saipan Mayor's Office, recently tidied up an illegal dumpsite in Koblerville.

Propst said the cleanup took two days, Jan. 12 and Jan. 13, with a team of six people—himself, Joe Aldan, Vince Camacho, and Sal Limes, and Saipan Mayor's office staff Milton Lizama and Enrique Casugay.

"With the severity of the situa-

tion, we felt compelled to take action," said Propst.

The lawmaker took the lead in the cleanup as the illegal dumpsite, situated on Essok Avenue in Koblerville, was first reported to his office early last week. The dumpsite was so severe that its odor attracted rats, cockroaches, and other pests.

"There were about nine truck loads of trash that went to the dump. The mayor's office took two trailer loads of trash to the dump," he added.

The property on which the dumpsite was situated belonged to a dis-

abled elder and her son, who also seemed unable to take care of the lot. They claimed that the lot's former tenants just moved out one day and threw the trash on their property.

"[The dumpsite] was so severe, it was a health hazard. We knew we had to clean it up and get it done immediately," said Propst.

"It is important to know [the government] is not responsible to clean up private property; that is not our job. We focus on public parks and roadsides. However, we made an exception because the resident was

disabled," he added.

"It was not just that, but mainly because of the health hazard that it imposed on the neighborhood. [Es-

sok Avenue] in Koblerville has a lot of kids living in the area, so it was a major health concern because it was right on the road."

## DHS, fed officials agree to suit's dismissal

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and other federal officials have agreed to the dismissal of a lawsuit over the denial of a Bangladeshi worker's 2012 petition for a Commonwealth-only worker, or CW-1 permit.

Johnson and his co-defendants, through assistant U.S. attorney Jessica F. Wesseling, made the dismissal request with the U.S. District Court for the NMI together with plaintiffs Angando Inc. and Moniruzzaman Masud, through their counsel Joseph E. Horey.

When asked by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday as to why the parties agreed to the dismissal of the case, Horey said the parties were not inclined to pursue the matter further. He gave no further comments.

Johnson, USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez, USCIS California Service Center director Rosemary Langley Melville, Angando Inc. and Masud jointly asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI several times in the past few months that they be allowed to provide the court with another status report, as the court previously ordered.

Angando Inc. and Masud sued the U.S. government, Johnson, Rodriguez, and Melville after U.S.

Citizenship and Immigration Services denied Angando Inc.'s CW-1 petition for Masud.

The plaintiffs asked the court to declare that Masud was lawfully present in the CNMI at the time of Angando's petition, and is eligible for CW-1 classification.

Horey wants the court to compel the defendants to classify Masud as an alien eligible for a CW-1 visa, and to approve Angando's petition to employ him.

In September 2015, the parties told the court that the USCIS Administrative Appeal Office has remanded Angando's petition for CW-1 permit for Masud to the USCIS California Service Center for further review. The parties then stated that the USCIS Administrative Appeal Office has withdrawn its prior decision.

USCIS denied Masud's and Angando's petition for CW-1 permit on the grounds that the employer had not established that he was lawfully present in the CNMI at the time the petition was filed. The plaintiffs asserted that Masud obtained an umbrella permit in 2009, which proved he was lawfully present in the Commonwealth. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



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Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) and his team prepare to head out to the dump with a trailer full of trash and waste.



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# DOJ wants lawyer disqualified

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The U.S. Department of Justice wants the federal court to immediately disqualify attorney Stephen Woodruff from serving as counsel for Amalia Abo Guanlao in her lawsuit against U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and several others.

Guanlao, a Filipino mother who has been in the CNMI for 23 years now, has two minor U.S. citizen children but was deemed by U.S. Immigration as removable from the CNMI.

Kimberly Helvey, senior litigation counsel for the DOJ Office of Immigration Litigation District Court Section and counsel for Johnson and co-respondents, said that Woodruff's immediate disqualification in Guanlao's case is "of paramount importance" to ensure the integrity of the bar, the integrity of the proceedings, and the interests of justice.

Helvey asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to give Guanlao more time to obtain a new lawyer.

Saipan Tribune sought comments from Woodruff yesterday via email but he had yet to reply as of press time.

Helvey said Woodruff was disbarred by the CNMI Supreme Court in 2013 and lacks a law license in another state or territory.

Helvey asserted that although Woodruff remains a member of the U.S. District Court for the NMI's bar pending reciprocal discipline proceedings, he has failed to adhere to his duties to report disciplinary action by other tribunals, and he misrepresented his bar status to Johnson and co-respondents.

Helvey pointed out that Woodruff's conduct suggests that he will not be readily answerable to the district court, and that his continued participation in the case will impair the proceedings, which have their base in allegations of ineffective assistance of counsel.

Woodruff filed Guanlao's immigration case in federal court on June 21, 2016.

Shortly after, Helvey said assistant U.S. attorney Russell Lorfing, another then-counsel for respondents, sent an email to Woodruff inquiring about the current status of his admission to the CNMI bar.

She said Woodruff did not provide the status of his appeal, but responded via email that he was authorized only to practice before the district court, the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court, and described the flaws he perceived in the CNMI disbarment proceedings.

The DOJ litigator said Woodruff specifically told Lorfing during their conversation that he had appealed to the

U.S. Supreme Court and was awaiting the outcome.

Helvey said the district court dismissed most of Guanlao's original complaint, but the court instructed Guanlao to file a second amended petition limited to the alleged ineffective assistance of counsel by Alice Rae.

Guanlao filed her second amended petition on Nov. 4, 2016.

Helvey said the respondents revisited the question of Woodruff's bar status, and discovered that no record appeared of Woodruff having filed a petition for a writ of certiorari or other appeal to the CNMI Supreme Court.

She argued at the Nov. 18, 2016, hearing that Woodruff was no longer an attorney who may sign pleadings under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and that the second amended petition was defective for lack of a valid signature.

At the Dec. 15, 2016, hearing, the district court questioned Woodruff about his disbarment.

Helvey said Woodruff admitted that he never completed the petition for certiorari during the 90-day time period, and that his extension of time was not granted.

Helvey said Woodruff further admitted that he did not file anything else, such as mandamus, in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The DOJ litigator said that in the course of preparing the motion to strike and to stay proceedings, respondents learned that the U.S. Supreme Court had suspended Woodruff from practice before it, indicating that "a rule will issue, returnable within 40 days, requiring him to show cause why he should not be disbarred from the practice of law in this court."

To respondents' knowledge, Helvey said, Woodruff had never notified the district court of this suspension.

Helvey said at the hearing on the motion to strike, the District Court specifically questioned Woodruff regarding his status before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The litigator said Woodruff stated that he is suspended before the U.S. Supreme Court and that the U.S. Supreme Court had issued a rule to show cause, to which Woodruff responded and which remaining pending.

She said Woodruff admitted that the suspension took effect on Oct. 31, 2016.

Helvey said the District Court noted that the suspension took effect before the Nov. 14, 2016, filing of the second amended petition.

Helvey said Woodruff contended that he was not in violation of his duty to inform the district court.

The district court differed

with Woodruff but denied the respondents' motion to strike without prejudice in favor of a motion for disqualification, which respondents now bring.

Helvey said that on Oct. 11, 2016, before the U.S. Supreme Court suspended Woodruff and more than a month before the filing of the second amended petition, the Hawaii Supreme Court issued a reciprocal discipline disbarring Woodruff.

In that order, the Hawaii Supreme Court reviewed the record, including Woodruff's arguments, and determined that Woodruff did not establish any of the four grounds available to avoid reciprocal discipline, Helvey said.

The disbarment took effect 30 days later, on Nov. 10, 2016, four days before Woodruff filed the second amended petition.

However, Helvey said, Woodruff has never notified respondents of this disbarment, or disclosed it. Instead, Helvey said, she discovered it via an Internet search when looking into Woodruff's qualifications online.

She said that on Feb. 9, 2016, the Executive Office for Immigration Review disbarred Woodruff, finding that he had not made a prima facie showing that he was deprived of due process during the CNMI disciplinary proceedings.

Helvey said when the Su-

preme Court of Hawaii imposed reciprocal discipline disbaring Woodruff on Oct. 11, 2016, and again when the U.S. Supreme Court suspended him on Oct. 31, 2016, Woodruff demonstrated a disregard for the District Court's Rules and the Model Rules.

"This disregard should disqualify him from continuing in this case," Helvey said.

Aside from Johnson, Guanlao is suing U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement supervisory detention and deportation officer Gerald Zedde, DHS Enforcement and Removal Operations acting supervisor M. Samaniego, ICE immigra-

tion officer G. Andersen, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick, USCIS/DHS Guam/CNMI field office director Stephen P. Green, USCIS/DHS Guam/CNMI acting field office director Irene Adame, USCIS/DHS California Service Center directors Rosemary Langley Melville and Kathy A. Baran, and USCIS/DHS California Service Center acting director Donna P. Campagnolo.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has stayed pending further court's order the removal of Guanlao while the court hears her petition on the merits.

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# LB will be up for review—Sablan

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REPORTER

Newly appointed Legislative Bureau director Antonio P. Sablan said he would take time evaluating and thoroughly reviewing his department before making any changes.

The bureau took the spotlight early this month after it was found out that most audio recordings of sessions, including more than 10 in the House of Representatives, had yet to be transcribed for official records keeping.

Before the inauguration, Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) instructed then acting director Antonette R. Villagomez to see if there's a need to hire additional personnel or outsource the job.

Sablan was appointed last week and will decide if they are going to hire more people to help with the transcriptions. The LB has eight central staff that report di-

rectly to Sablan. An additional eight are assigned to the House and another seven to the Senate while the Youth Congress has one.

"[First], before we decide to address on personnel issues, we have to take time to review what we have. Talk to people and try to get some ideas on the concerns raised by both members of the House and Senate. The journal issue for example, we're going to look into it," said Sablan.

"I'm not going to necessarily say that we need to add more people. We need to take time to talk to the staff that does the work and try to get a better picture. Who knows, we might need to add if the evaluation sees fit."

He added that he would first talk to the staff. "We're not saying that we need to have more people. We're going to take the time to evaluate everything and, talk individually to the staff, and go from there."

Sablan conceded that changes are needed in the bureau and he would start making the necessary modifications starting this week. "There's going to be some changes. Things that are working out in certain areas, we're going to continue with it."

"Personally, I can say that there would be some changes and I think we owe it to the House and Senate members. We're looking forward to making these changes based on the level of the service and support that we provide to them."

He is also going to meet with the administration officer and fiscal analyst to review the status of the bureau's budget. "What was already spent for 2016 and what we have so far in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. Ask the status of the finances and budget situation. I would require their participation and ask about financial matters."

"We're going to continuously monitor our financial

situation to make sure that we prepare the necessary budget for the next fiscal year. We would also immediately communicate with [Capital Improvement Project administrator and Office of Management and Budget special assistant] Vicky Villagomez for the back up generator," said Sablan, who added that having a back up generator is among their top priorities.

He said they are now busy extending whatever service the incoming members need by helping them get settled in, especially the first time legislators. "We want to get the necessary and properly issued equipment to the members. Once we're done with that, we're going to start with the reorganization of the bureau."

"Proper communication and understanding on what our responsibilities are is needed. I'm confident that the bureau would provide improved service to the

members and that is our vision," he added.

Sablan was a long time member of the CNMI Republican Party but ran as an

independent a number of times before deciding to return to the local GOP in the last election. He, however, lost his re-election bid.

## TORRES

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Matt Deleon Guerrero, CNMI Republican Party president James Ada, and local GOP national committeewoman Esther Fleming.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. will administer the presidential oath of office to Trump, who will be sworn in as the 45th President of the United States, on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol Building while Associate Justice Clarence Thomas will do the same thing to Pence.

Torres, before the inauguration, will be meeting with Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina and other Department of the Interior-Office of Insular Areas officials on Jan. 18 before they step down and make way for the incoming administration.

Torres is also scheduled to meet with members of the Presidential Transition Committee and other key GOP officials to update them on concerns and other issues affecting the CNMI.

Torres will then join Gov. Eddie B. Calvo of Guam in hosting the Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee 58th Presidential Inauguration Gala the following day, Jan. 19, at The Mayflower Hotel in D.C. Torres and Calvo are co-chairs of the advisory committee that has 34 other members that worked directly with top officials of the GOP's presidential campaign.

The gala will be held from

6pm to 11pm where Republican Party legislators in the 115th United States Congress are expected to attend including other ranking GOP officials.

The co-chairs made recommendations to national campaign officials on what the committee had agreed on concerning Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as well as making sure the AAPI community would support the Trump-Pence ticket.

Torres, before heading back to Saipan, will meet with several key officials of the Trump administration to establish connections that would help the CNMI's cause in raising awareness about its issues, aside from discussing his duties as the advisory council's co-chair.

The Torres administration is also hopeful the appointment of Elaine Chao to head the U.S. Department of Transportation would help in addressing the territories' concerns. Chao is a former member of the advisory council.

This is Chao's second tour of duty in the federal government after becoming the first Asian American to hold a Cabinet post, serving as Labor chief in the two terms of President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2009.

The Torres administration in the CNMI, being the only U.S. territory that supported the Trump-Pence ticket along with the GOP-led leadership in the mainland, is also aiming to get key government posts in order to push for issues that affect the region.

## ASIA

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the stand-out issues and how developments might play out:

### TRADE

Trump says he plans to scrap the 12-nation trade pact known as the Trans Pacific Partnership agreement, or TPP. The pact was the centerpiece of the Obama administration's outreach policy to America's Asian partners known as "the pivot," which also involves a greater military commitment to the region.

Obama said the TPP would allow the U.S. to impose higher labor, environmental and human-rights standards, as well as give U.S. businesses access to some of the fastest-growing economies. The deal would have slashed 18,000 taxes that other countries impose on American goods and services, but Congress failed to act amid skepticism from both Republicans and Democrats.

Trump's opposition to free-trade agreements has fueled fears of protectionism and puts him at odds not only with U.S. trading partners but also with many in the Republican Party. Killing the TPP may open the way for other regional free-trade initiatives, including those pushed by rival China.

"With the U.S. withdrawing from TPP, Japan will have to redesign its external economic policy," said Harukata Takenaka, politics professor at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. Other options "may not be easy," Takenaka said.

### CHINA

Trump raised China in speech after speech during his campaign, at times accusing the

country of ripping America off in trade and threatening a 45 percent tariff on all Chinese imports.

Things turned far more serious after his election win when he took a phone call from the president of self-governing Taiwan, upending four decades of diplomatic protocol barring such direct contacts. Critics accused him of ignoring the "one-China policy," long considered unassailable in China-U.S. relations, to which Trump responded by questioning why the U.S. should be bound by such an arrangement without economic incentives.

He again touched on the issue in an interview with The Wall Street Journal published Friday, saying "everything is under negotiation, including 'one China.'" While the Chinese government's response was muted, the official China Daily newspaper said he was "playing with fire."

Trump has also criticized the Chinese military's island-building program in the South China Sea, and accused it of blocking U.S. imports through high taxes and manipulating its currency to the detriment of American exports.

### ALLIANCES WITH JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA

Trump raised eyebrows during the campaign when he appeared to question the inviolability of long-standing U.S. military alliances with Japan and South Korea, seen as bulwarks against North Korea's military threats and China's push for regional dominance. The two were included in a list of countries that Trump said he would be "respectfully asking ... to pay more for the tremendous security we provide them."

During the campaign, Trump suggested Japan and South Korea should obtain nuclear weapons so the U.S. would no longer be burdened with the costs of defending them, a disquieting notion in many Asian capitals. But after Trump's election win, Japan's Shinzo Abe became the first foreign leader to meet with him, sitting down in Trump Tower with the business mogul and his daughter, Ivanka.

Japan is concerned about how spill-over from China-U.S. conflicts might affect its economy and foreign relations, possibly compelling it to play a larger role in regional security, said Harukata Takenaka, politics professor at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. "Trump measures would be the top priority for Prime Minister Abe this year. The biggest question is that Trump is unpredictable," he said.

### NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR THREAT

Trump's approach to North Korea probably offers the least divergence from previous administrations, but he faces stark choices on countering North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's missile threat. After Kim, announced in his annual New Year's address that the country had reached the "final stages" of developing an intercontinental ballistic missile, Trump responded by Twitter: "North Korea just stated that it is in the final stages of developing a nuclear weapon capable of reaching parts of the U.S. It won't happen!"

Trump has not said how his approach to the North might differ from Barack Obama's, although his campaign's position paper talked of more

"modern destroyers to counter the ballistic missile threat from Iran and North Korea." That would appear to indicate continued support for deploying the advanced Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, anti-missile system in South Korea, despite Chinese and Russian objections. Trump appears to be a firm believer that North Korea could be reined-in if only its sole significant ally China would tighten the screws.

### INDIA AND PAKISTAN

During the campaign, Trump was largely positive toward both India and Pakistan, even while he piled negative rhetoric on China and other nations. However, his threat to ban Muslims from entering the U.S. has raised accusations of Islamophobia.

In the days after his win, Trump appeared to follow in the well-trodden path of seeking a balance between the nuclear rivals—albeit in his unorthodox style. A phone call between Trump and Pakistan's prime minister was remarkable mainly for the effusive praise he reportedly lavished on the struggling state. Pakistan is a U.S. ally in the battle against Islamic extremism but is also close to U.S. rival in Asia, China. In its read-out of that call, Pakistan said Trump described the country as "amazing" and expressed a desire to visit—something President Barack Obama did not do.

India's national security adviser followed the Pakistan exchange with a low-key visit to Washington to meet with a senior Trump aide in a sign of New Delhi's desire to forge close ties with the incoming U.S. administration.

## LUTA

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If the court says other parties must pay a proportional share of this amount, NMS wants all parties in the lawsuit, including Yamamoto, to pay their share immediately, Frink said. At least require Yamamoto to pay his share immediately, he added.

Citing a declaration by NMS president Alan Swimmer, Frink said demand for payment of these amounts has previously been made and remains unpaid, and the M/V *Luta* custodian continues to accrue expenses while its invoices continue to go unpaid.

Swimmer said payment to NMS is past due and the company could potentially withdraw as custodian if no payments are made.

Last Dec. 22, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood denied NMS' request to order Yamamoto to immediately pay \$72,462.33 for custodian services from October to December 2016.

Tydingco-Gatewood ruled that all parties are responsible to share in advancing funds to the U.S. Marshal Service or the substitute custodian, in proportion to the value of their claims.

Yamamoto is suing Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog and the owner/operators of M/V *Luta* for allegedly refusing to pay back the \$3.4 million that he put up for the vessel.

After Yamamoto filed the lawsuit last Oct. 25, the U.S. Marshal Service seized M/V *Luta*. NMS was appointed as its custodian.

Two companies and the former captain and six crewmembers of M/V *Luta* joined as intervenors in the lawsuit to collect payment of various services.

Last week, Tydingco-Gatewood ordered the sale of M/V *Luta* in the minimum bid amount of \$550,000, citing the excessive expense and disproportionate cost of keeping it and the unreasonable delay in securing its release.

Tydingco-Gatewood ordered the U.S. Marshal to sell the ship on Feb. 8, 2017, at 10am.

## NMPASI: ADA violators can be fined \$100 a day

Businesses that continue to violate the Americans with Disabilities Act can face a fine of \$100 a day, reminded Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. executive director James Rayphand.

Speaking before the Saipan Rotary Club weekly meeting last week at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Rayphand said his office is very aggressive in upholding its mandate to provide legal-based advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities and ADA is one such law that NMPASI wants to advocate.

"Right now we have at least 15 cases that we're about to open on behalf of an individual with ability impairments filing complaints against establishments for not allowing access to their business facility. It's something to be mindful about," he said.

ADA requires the government and private sector to provide appropriate access for individuals with disabilities.

"Basically every business establishment must be able to provide disability parking space and an accessible route into their business establishment," said Rayphand.

He said enforcing ADA in

the CNMI is very important and should be taken seriously not only by the government and businesses but the community as well.

"As for how important, it really depends on the individuals' needs. The idea, for instance, that our *man'amko* or any other person could be denied access to the hospital/medical care or say a typhoon shelter or a grocery store or a restaurant for that matter, all because of a physical or mental disability, should be cause for concern... The point may be is that access—physical access or otherwise—is very important," said Rayphand.

He reminded that non-compliance with ADA is not only morally wrong but violators can face very stiff fines.

"NMPASI can bring a discrimination case against a business not providing disability parking and disability access to the business. The fine is \$100 a day for businesses that are non-compliant," he said, adding that the government can rake in money by just citing businesses that are not ADA-compliant.

Rayphand said under the ADA setup, the Department of Public Safety is in charge

of enforcing the law, while the Office of Attorney General is responsible for making sure that government offices and businesses adhere to the law.

NMPASI, a non-profit organization, administers grant programs from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Center for Mental Health Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, and the Human Resources Services Administration, the U.S. Department of Education/Re-



habilitation Services Administration, and the Social Security Administration.

Its office is located on the east side of Middle Road in Gualo Rai. For more on NMPASI and/or protection and advocacy services for individuals with disabilities, contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [tel.] /235-7275 [fax/tty] or via the Internet at [www.nmpasi.org](http://www.nmpasi.org). (Mark Rabago)

MARK RABAGO

Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. executive director James Rayphand was the Saipan Rotary Club of Saipan's guest speaker last week.

## MVA commends BECQ on web app

The Marianas Visitors Authority lauded the recent release of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Web application, which provides the public with an easy access to information from various government agencies.

MVA sees its potential as a way to provide directions to tourists.

"The MVA is excited about the launch of the new Web app by BECQ. It includes a very detailed map of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, which can be very helpful for tourists who visit our islands," said MVA managing director Chris Concepcion.

The app was developed by BECQ as a one-stop app for information to assist developers and consultants for business development.

"We are finally able to release the BECQ permit-

ting app. This essentially is a very useful tool at the hands of consultants and developers," said BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman in an earlier interview.

"[The app] would provide them key information for the planning phase of developments and projects. For BECQ, it is useful for the proposals that business developers are submitting for permitting purposes," he added.

Concepcion believes the app could possibly attract foreign investors to the CNMI.

"I understand it is highly appreciated by current and future foreign and local investors so we applaud the work of BECQ in putting this thing together," he said. "We hope to see it as a smartphone app in the future, similar to Reef Report, which is also very helpful." (Erwin Encinares)

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# Public warned of high surf 'til Friday

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point issued yesterday a high surf advisory, which is in effect from 1am today, Tuesday, to 6am Friday.

The high surf advisory is for both Saipan and Tinian and is in effect until 6am Friday.

For north facing reefs, hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet will increase. Surf is expected to peak near 14 feet on Wednesday before beginning to subside. The surf on north facing reefs is expected to remain above hazardous levels through Friday morning as a large north swell veers to northeast over the next couple of days. Surf may become

hazardous for east facing reefs up to Wednesday.

On Rota, the high surf advisory is in effect from 1am Tuesday to 6am Friday. For north facing reefs, the increasing north swell is expected to bring hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet to Rota early this morning. Surf is expected to peak near 14 feet on Wednesday before beginning to subside.

The surf on north facing reefs is expected to remain above hazardous levels through Friday morning.

Surf may become hazardous for east facing reefs Wednesday as a large north swell veers to northeast over the next couple of days.

The public is advised to avoid venturing near reefs along exposed beaches, especially those

facing north, as rip currents will be life-threatening. High surf will affect beaches in the advisory area, producing beach erosion and dangerous swimming conditions.

A small craft advisory is also in effect until 6am Friday. Moderate to fresh winds over Tinian and Saipan waters are expected to gradually increase, with winds of 20 to 30 knots expected today, Tuesday.

On Rota, a building north swell is resulting in combined seas between 8 and 10 feet over Tinian and Saipan waters. This north swell will gradually move in to Rota and Guam

waters. Seas between 8 and 10 feet are expected to arrive over Rota and northern Guam waters and are expected to peak near 12 feet on Wednesday before beginning to subside. Seas are expected to remain above advisory levels through early Friday morning.

Moderate winds are also expected to gradually increase over Guam and Rota waters today, with winds of 20 to 25 knots expected by Tuesday evening.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions. **(EOC)**

## Palau college produces milkfish fry

In support of Palau's aquacultural development in the area of commercial farming, the Cooperative Research & Extension of Palau Community College recently implemented a project that supports the local production of milkfish (*Chanos chanos*).

Milkfish are known as "aol" in Palau and their seeds are im-

ported from outside sources. By establishing a local source for milkfish seeds, PCC-CRE can guarantee that local commercial fish farms continue in support of Palau's economy.

The project was implemented in September 2014 with funding from the College of Micronesia Land Grant Pro-

gram and the Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture in Hawaii. It is also being conducted in collaboration with the Oceanic Institute of Hawaii Pacific University, Shallum Etpison Aquaculture, and the Ngerdubech Corp. that operates a milkfish farm in Ngatpang State.

The project began by installing a 30 x 30-foot floating cage stocked with 44 pieces of milkfish brood in Ngatpang State. After two years, the eggs were fully matured into breeders that started to spawn and successfully produce hundreds of quality milkfish eggs. The eggs were transported to the PCC Multi-Species Hatchery in Ngermetengel, Ngeremlengui State where a series of larval rearing trials was conducted. The larval rearing trial is a simple and reliable technique for milkfish fry production (fry refers to a fish that has reached a stage where its yolk-sac has almost disappeared and its swim bladder is operational to the point where the fish can actively feed itself).

About 80,000 healthy milkfish fry were produced from the eggs within the months of May, October, and December of last year. The highest survival rate that was achieved during development was 46.25 percent. These milkfish

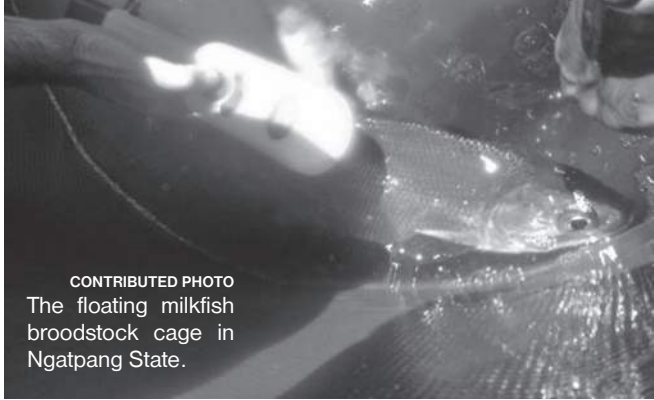
fry are stocked at fish ponds in Ngatpang State for further monitoring and evaluation of their growth as well as survival during their nursery and grow-out phase.

The establishment of a broodstock facility and the successful spawning and local production of milkfish fry informs the public that milkfish farming could become sustainable without relying on seedstock from sources outside of Palau.

The continued collaboration of Palau Community College with the commercial fishing industry of Palau has also provided an opportunity to share the experience, knowledge, and skills on broodstock management and hatchery techniques for various aquaculture species that are economically important in the country.

For more information regarding the milkfish fry production project or other projects being conducted by PCC-CRE, call the PCC-CRE Main Office at 488-2746/4983 or call Palau Community College at 488-2470 or 2471.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The floating milkfish broodstock cage in Ngatpang State.



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Milkfish eggs are delivered to Palau Community College Multi-Species Hatchery for larval rearing trials.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

January 17, 2000

### Businessmen oppose new water testings

Businesses are up in arms against the planned chemical monitoring of all public water systems because of the huge cost it entails especially at this time when profits are down due to economic slowdown. Establishments in the CNMI may have to pay a minimum of \$10,000 for each wellhead covering the three-year period (1999-2001) as part of the monitoring requirements of the Safe Drinking Water program put in place by the Division of Environmental Quality. The cost of analysis for one set of samples is approximately \$2,700. But the baseline monitoring requirements are for four consecutive quarters.

### US Lawmaker vows to help NMI vs takeover

A visiting U.S. congressman has pledged his commitment to support efforts by the CNMI government to stave off federal takeover of local immigration, minimum wage and custom standards as he hailed "improved working conditions" on the island. Rep. George Radanovich (R-California), a member of the U.S. House Resources Committee and chairman of the Western Caucus, said the attempt to strip Commonwealth powers over these functions is a result of the fact that issues on the island have been caught up in the larger issue of labor

movement in the mainland. This is "unfortunate", he said, but added the CNMI must ensure that reforms implemented in the past two years by the government continue to benefit the islanders.

January 17, 2005

### DoF: PSS payroll safe, other funds due by Jan.31

Finance Secretary Fermin Atalig said yesterday that payroll funds for the Public School System personnel would be made available this week. Atalig said he is in close communications with the Bank of Guam to ensure that personnel payroll would not be interrupted. "They [PSS] can issue the payroll, I'll be responsible with the bank," said Atalig. At the same time, Atalig said that additional money would be remitted to the Public School System on or before Jan. 31, not Jan. 14 as earlier expected. The Babauta administration earlier said that \$2 million of Compact Impact funds would be given to PSS Friday last week.

### Plane seats to NMI down by 7K

Travelers flying directly to the Northern Marianas currently have over 7,000 fewer seats available to them, as compared with last year, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority. An MVA report showed that as of December 2004, there are a total of 69,156 seats available for visitors on direct flights, including charter and extra flights, to Saipan. This represents a decrease of 9.5 percent, compared with the 76,421 available seats in December 2003. The decline occurred despite the introduction of nonstop service from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the Philippines, which altogether provide additional 6,665 seats for CNMI visitors.

January 17, 2006

### Agents, climate top incentives for visit

Many tourists who come to the islands do so due to the Northern Marianas' tropical climate, besides being lured by travel agents. A statistical report recently released by the Marianas Visitors Authority showed that travel agents motivated 7,076 tourists to visit the Commonwealth in December 2005. Another 3,755 tourists declared the climate as reason for traveling to the CNMI. Additionally, some 3,225 visitors chose the CNMI as a destination due to short travel time. Some 3,505 tourists have had a prior trip to the islands. The MVA report showed that most of the travelers who came to the islands last month were clerks, numbering 6,016. Some 4,316 tourists belong to the professional group. There were 2,791 tourists holding managerial positions and 1,446 students.

### Three test positive for drugs in FY05

Three government employees tested positive in random drug tests conducted by the Office of Personnel Management in fiscal year 2005. According to OPM Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace program coordinator Frances T. Salas, 46 employees were randomly tested between October 2004 and September 2005 for the presence of cocaine, marijuana, opiates, amphetamines, and phencyclidine in their urine. Employees who test positive are referred to the Community Guidance Center for rehabilitation. Those who do not seek rehabilitation are subject to termination. Five other employees went through drug testing after they had an accident. None of the employees were found positive. Only one employee was tested based on reasonable suspicion. Ah He or she tested negative.

# Rota residents urged to make homes energy-efficient

Staff from the Weatherization Assistance Program will be on Rota on Tuesday next week, Jan. 24, 2017, from 9am to 3pm at the Rota Mayor's Office.

According to the announcement from the CNMI Department of Public Works, Division of Energy Office, the WAP staff intends to provide on-site assistance regarding the application

process and the program services available to qualified low-income eligible residents.

With the services available, Rota residents are encouraged to avail of this program and make the necessary upgrades to improve the efficiency of their homes by replacing inefficient lightings and appliances with ones that are quali-

fied Energy-Efficient, Energy Star® rated lightings and appliances that lower energy use to reduce high energy bills.

To avail of the program services, application forms are available at the Rota Mayor's Office or may be obtained online at [www.cnmienergy.com](http://www.cnmienergy.com).

For additional information, you may also contact

664-4480/4481, Monday through Friday, except weekends and holidays, from 7:30am to 11:30am and from 12:30pm to 4:30pm and ask for Christina Babauta.

Funding opportunity for these programs is made possible by the U.S. Department of Energy, Weatherization Assistance Program. **(PR)**



## FIRE TRAINING

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Members of the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Division and Department of Fire Emergency Medical Services try to extinguish a blaze at the Specialized Aircraft Fire Trainer during a demonstration for participants of the 5th Annual Western Pacific Islands Association of Fire Chiefs Training Forum held last October. Jet fuel was used in three fire scenarios conducted at the Pacific Region ARFF Training Center at the Francisco Ada/Saipan International Airport.

## Emergency water outage in Koblerville, San Antonio, Afetnas

There is currently an emergency water service interruption in the Koblerville, San Antonio and Afetnas areas, according to a notice yesterday from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The cause of the interruption is due to the failure of a

30HP booster pump at the Koblerville booster station. As a result of the failed pump the pressure is not adequate to distribute water to these areas. The service interruption began at 11am yesterday morning and is expected to late afternoon yesterday at

approximately 5pm after the repair of the pump. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of services soon thereafter.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). **(CUC)**

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Muggsy Bogues to speak at UOG today

The University of Guam welcomes former National Basketball Association player Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues as the 30th speaker in its Presidential Lecture Series. Bogues' lecture, titled "In the Land of Giants: My Life in Basketball" will be held at 5:30pm today, Jan. 17, in the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences lecture hall.

Bogues, at 5 ft. 3 in. tall, is the shortest player to ever play in the NBA. He played point guard for four teams in 14 seasons before retiring in 2001 as the 16th all-time assists leader. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. For more information, contact Jonas Macapinlac at [jmac@triton.uog.edu](mailto:jmac@triton.uog.edu). **(UOG)**

### After-school program at Kagman center

The Family & Youth Enhancement Program-Youth Services Section of the Division of Youth Services offers an after-school program at the Kagman Community Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. Aside from homework/school project sessions, the program also provides for youth prevention activities that focus on literacy, art and music, career opportunities and cultural demonstrations. **(PR)**

### Kagman schools PTSA meeting set

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that the Kagman cluster schools will be having a PTSA meeting on Thursday Jan. 19, 2017, at 5pm at the Kagman Elementary School cafeteria. We are encouraging all parents, and guardians to attend this meeting. Please call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 for more information. **(PR)**



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### Re-Announcement No. 15-012

**POSITION TITLE:** Instructor, Hospitality/Tourism  
**Department:** Business  
**Pay Level & Step:** 32/01 – 32/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$41,527.83 – \$42,981.30  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus  
**Opening Date:** 1/11/2017  
**Closing Date:** 1/21/2017 or Until Filled

### Re-Announcement No. 16-001

**POSITION TITLE:** Program Coordinator I (Institutional Marketing)  
**Department:** External Relations Office  
**Pay Level & Step:** 20/01 – 20/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$24,330.79 – \$25,182.37  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 1/12/2017  
**Closing Date:** Until Filled

### Re-Announcement No. 16-012

**POSITION TITLE:** Director, Library Programs & Services  
**Department:** Library Programs & Services  
**Pay Level & Step:** 33/01-35/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$45,314.54 – \$51,609.41  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 11/09/2016  
**Closing Date:** Until Filled

### Announcement No. 16-031

**POSITION TITLE:** Clinical Instructor, Nursing  
**Department:** Nursing  
**Pay Level & Step:** 30/01 – 31/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$38,394.81 – \$39,738.63  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 11/09/2016  
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### Re-Announcement No. 16-034

**POSITION TITLE:** Program Manager I (UCEDD)  
**Department:** Administration and Resource Development  
**Pay Level & Step:** 28/01 – 28/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$35,674.68 – \$36,923.30  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 1/11/17  
**Closing Date:** 1/21/17 or Until Filled

### Announcement No. 16-041

**POSITION TITLE:** Coordinator, Distance Learning Education  
**Department:** Academic Programs & Services  
**Pay Level & Step:** 32/01 – 32/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$43,197.84 – \$44,709.77  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 12/09/2016  
**Closing Date:** Until Filled

### Announcement No. 16-042

**POSITION TITLE:** Department Chair II  
**Department:** Sciences, Math, Health, and Athletics  
**Pay Level & Step:** 34/01 – 34/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$49,356.09 – \$51,083.56  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 12/9/2016  
**Closing Date:** Until Filled

### Announcement No. 16-047

**POSITION TITLE:** Counselor (Early Intervention)  
**Department:** Counseling Programs & Services  
**Pay Level & Step:** 29/01 – 29/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$40,567.11 – \$41,986.96  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 12/20/2016  
**Closing Date:** Until Filled

### Announcement No. 17-001

**POSITION TITLE:** Coordinator, Prior Learning  
**Department:** Academic Programs and Services  
**Pay Level & Step:** 32/01- 32/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$43,197.84 – \$44,709.77  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 1/03/2017  
**Closing Date:** Until Filled

### Announcement No. 17-002

**POSITION TITLE:** Instructor, Science  
**Department:** Sciences, Mathematics, Health, & Athletics  
**Pay Level & Step:** 32/01 – 32/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$41,527.83 – \$42,981.30  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 1/3/2017  
**Closing Date:** Until Filled

### Announcement No. 17-003

**POSITION TITLE:** Chief Financial Officer  
**Department:** Office of the President  
**Pay Level & Step:** Ungraded Annual Salary: \$50,000.00 – \$60,000.00 (Depending on Qualification)  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 1/10/2017  
**Closing Date:** 1/20/2017 or Until Filled

### Announcement No. 17-004

**POSITION TITLE:** Personnel Specialist III  
**Department:** Human Resource Office  
**Pay Level & Step:** 32/01-32/02  
**Annual Salary:** \$43,197.84 – \$44,709.77  
**Location:** As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
**Opening Date:** 1/11/2017  
**Closing Date:** 1/21/2017 or Until Filled

*Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds. The College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*



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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Public Input Sought Regarding the Independent Living Older Blind Program Policies and Procedures

The CNMI Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) will be holding a public forum on the proposed policy and procedures revisions to its Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) Program. The proposed policy revisions are available for review at:

[www.ovrgov.net](http://www.ovrgov.net) - Independent Living Older Blind Program Policies and Procedures

The forum is scheduled for all three islands (Saipan/Rota/Tinian) to solicit comments from a representative and diverse population. The date, time and locations are as follows:

| Island | Date     | Time           | Location                       |
|--------|----------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Saipan | 01/20/17 | 3:00-4:30 pm   | NMC VTC Rm. D1 (Saipan Campus) |
| Tinian | 01/20/17 | 3:00-4:30 pm   | NMC VTC Rm.C (Tinian Campus)   |
| Rota   | 01/31/17 | 10:00-11:30 am | Office on Aging                |

All interested persons are hereby given the opportunity to participate by submitting data, views, or recommendations orally or in writing. If you need auxiliary aids or other accommodation, please contact Elvira Seman of OVR at 322-6537/38 or [nmidir@ovrgov.net](mailto:nmidir@ovrgov.net)

Written comments must be submitted no later than the close of business at 4:30 p.m. or postmarked (P.O. Box 501521, Saipan, MP 96950) by Friday, February 3, 2017, or by faxing it to 322-6548.

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### EDITORIAL

## Charges against VW execs put blame for corporate crimes in the right place

**V**olkswagen's indefensible meddling with vehicle emissions to circumvent U.S. environmental standards has cost the international car maker billions of dollars in settlements, fines and lost sales. Now the Justice Department has taken a new, welcome step and indicted six high-level VW employees on conspiracy and fraud charges. Some are accused of overseeing the development of diesel engines equipped with "defeat devices"—software that could tell the car to increase emissions controls when it detected that the car was being tested. Others allegedly covered up the scheme by destroying emails and taking other steps to deter regulators from uncovering the truth.

We hope this isn't just a one-off prosecution. For too long the Justice Department has focused on fining corporations caught in illegal acts, often agreeing to settlements in which the corporation admits no guilt. As a result, the consequences for the company are limited to fines ultimately paid by insurers, absorbed by shareholders or passed along to customers. Sure, executives and lower-level employees deemed responsible often lose their jobs, but rarely is an individual held criminally liable for the criminal acts. As critics have rightly noted, that isn't much of a disincentive for those who would cheat or swindle.

Whether the VW employees are guilty will be for a jury to decide—if they ever get before one. Five of the six are in Germany, which has a history of not extraditing its citizens. The sixth, Oliver Schmidt, had the misfortune of popping up in the U.S. on travel and was arrested Sunday at the Miami airport. (VW engineer James Robert Liang, a resident of Newbury Park, Calif., earlier pleaded guilty to fraud conspiracy and is cooperating with investigators.)

Meanwhile, the Environmental Protection Agency and California's Air Resources Board—the same regulators that ran down the VW violations—accused Fiat Chrysler on Thursday of installing secret software in more than 100,000 vehicles to mask emissions of nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas. Fiat Chrysler denied it has done anything wrong. The EPA said it is looking at other automakers as well. And Takata, whose exploding air bags have been linked to 11 deaths, is expected to plead guilty to criminal wrongdoing as soon as Thursday, and pay fines of about \$1 billion.

In all of these cases, the Justice Department must continue to ferret out the individuals responsible and not let corporations essentially buy their way out of justice. It's unclear whether the Trump administration will take a similar view, given President-elect Donald Trump's support for regulatory rollbacks. But he won the White House by tapping into public dissatisfaction with business as usual. He should put the interests of the defrauded ahead of those responsible for it.

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## No sophomore slump for Marco Rubio

By PATRICIA MURPHY  
CO-ROLL CALL

**W**ASHINGTON—For a guy who didn't want to be in the Senate anymore last year, Florida's Marco Rubio is certainly making a tall glass of lemonade out of the lemons he got running for president in 2016. With a single hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week, Rubio went from being the Republican Most Likely to Miss a Vote, a distinction he earned on his way to losing the GOP nomination, to being the Republican Most Likely to Hold Donald Trump's Feet to the Fire. It's a role that holds both risks and immense power. That, for Rubio, could be more important than anything.

The hearing, of course, was to consider the nomination of Rex Tillerson to be Trump's secretary of state. Although Sen. Jeff Sessions' hearing to be attorney general was expected to have the most fireworks of the week, the Tillerson hearing went off-track as soon as Rubio began grilling the former Exxon Mobil CEO about the reams of accusations against Russian President Vladimir Putin of widespread corruption and human rights abuses.

"Is Vladimir Putin a war criminal?" Rubio asked Tillerson. "I would not use that term," Tillerson said, carefully. "Are you aware that people who oppose Vladimir Putin wind up dead all over the world? Poisoned, shot in the back of the head? Do you think that was coincidental?" Rubio later followed up. When Tillerson said he'd need more information to make up his mind about Putin, whom Tillerson knows well enough to receive an award from, Rubio concluded, "None of this is classified, Mr. Tillerson, these people are dead."

Critics of Rubio's have panned his performance as political theater, but the single swing vote he holds on the committee deciding Tillerson's fate is very real. Real, too, were Tillerson's answers to Rubio and others' questions, when he seemed to still be a multinational CEO hunting oil and profits, and less a potential diplomat advancing American values.

Rubio wouldn't say after the hearing if he would support Tillerson or not. It's possible that he could extract some concessions from the incoming administration to vote for Tillerson, or he may oppose him altogether. But the fact that a question exists at all marks a new era for Rubio in the Senate.

It's a long way from October 2015, when a clearly frustrated freshman Rubio told CNN's Jake Tapper that he had amassed the worst voting record in the Senate and was running for president because being in the Senate just didn't matter much anymore. "I'm not missing votes because I'm on vacation," he said. "I'm running for president so that the votes they take in the Senate are actually meaningful again."

It turns out that Rubio didn't have to win the White House for

his vote to matter again. With an 11-10 split on the Foreign Relations Committee between Republicans and Democrats, Rubio holds the crown jewel of Trump's Cabinet in his hands. Suddenly, the man Trump derided as "Little Marco" isn't so little anymore.

And he also isn't alone. More than a few rising Republican voices in Washington seem poised to speak out against Trump when they oppose him or stand up to Trump when they disagree, which many will. On the House side, conservative Republicans have already passed the REINS Act to require congressional approval for any regulation that costs more than \$100 million, which is nearly all of them. That means, unlike the days of the Obama phone and pen going around Congress, President Trump will have to get Congress' permission to write almost any new regulation.

On the Senate side, several of Rubio's fellow sophomores from the Tea Party class of 2010 could give Trump headaches when the promises they've made to their constituents diverge from the promises Trump's been making, especially when it comes to federal spending.

On Thursday, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul voted against the budget resolution setting up the Obamacare repeal because he insisted a replacement exist for the health care bill first. Sen. Pat Toomey won re-election in Pennsylvania last year, outperforming Trump by a point, and will remain a fiscal hawk over Trump even when he just wants Republicans to let him pass his bills through Congress. Sen. Mike Lee outperformed Trump by more than 20 points in his home state of Utah last November, and was one of the few Republicans to call for Trump to drop out of the presidential race after the "Access Hollywood" tape came out.

And of course, there's Lee's best friend, Sen. Ted Cruz. The Texan's own re-election race in 2018 may keep Cruz close to the GOP tent during Trump's first two years. But Cruz also made up with South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham on Thursday, even after Graham said Cruz should be murdered on the Senate floor, so it seems anything is still possible with Ted Cruz.

One-party rule in Washington is often full of unpleasant surprises for the president coming to town. Although he thinks the other party, in this case the Democrats, will be his opposition, the reality is almost always different. It will be members of Trump's own party, potentially led by Rubio, Paul, Toomey and others, who will have the power, and oftentimes the incentive, to stop him in his tracks.

Rubio's next step on the Tillerson nomination will send a message for him and other Republicans about the role they'll play in Trump's Washington. Will they be yes men in the Trump Party or fighters for what's left of a conservative Republican Party? Maybe there is a way to be both at the same time.

For Rubio at least, it's clear that 2017 is already different from the years he has spent in the Senate before. He hasn't missed a single vote.

# Some convenient omissions from Obama’s farewell

Tuesday night, exactly 2,899 days after his 2008 election victory speech in Chicago’s Grant Park, President Obama returned to his adopted hometown to give his farewell speech to the nation.

The president who promised to fundamentally transform the country, ticked off a list of what he deemed as his administration’s accomplishments. Interestingly, he neglected to explain why such accomplishments ultimately led to Democrats losing the White House, Congress and elected offices up and down state ballots over the past eight years.

Here are several other facts he didn’t include:  
When Obama entered office, our national debt was \$10.6 trillion. Today? It’s \$19.5 trillion and counting.

On his watch, there was an unparalleled expansion of the regulatory state. Since taking office in 2009, more than 200 new major regulations have increased the regulatory burden by \$108 billion annually. And these burdens fall directly onto the shoulders of everyday Americans.

Heritage Foundation economists predict that Obama’s regulations to counter climate change alone will kill hundreds of thousands of jobs and also increase what American households spend on electricity by 13 to 20 percent over the next 20 years.

And then there is the president’s signature policy, the Affordable Care Act, which has proven to be anything but affordable. Contrary to what he originally promised, many Americans have

not been able to keep their doctors.  
So far, more than half of the 23 co-ops have failed, costing taxpayers \$1.2 billion and forcing more than 740,000 people in 14 states, at last count, to scramble to find new health insurance.

Premiums did not go down, they went up. And by 2025, the Congressional Budget Office predicts that employment-based coverage will cost about 60 percent more than it does today because of Obamacare.

When it comes to fighting poverty, instead of building on successful measures, such as requiring able-bodied adults on welfare to work, prepare for work or do a job search, the Obama administration gutted work requirements. And though unemployment has dropped in recent years, the food stamp program has grown dramatically. In 2008, fewer than 30 million Americans were receiving food stamps. By 2014, that number had risen to 46.5 million.

Then there was his tendency to act like an imperial president. From granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants to mandating transgender bathroom policies on public schools, the Obama administration showed a complete disregard for Congress and the people’s elected representatives, using executive orders to get its way.

And, as Obama comes to the end of his two terms in office, is the world a better place? Is it safer?  
Let’s take a look.

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By any objective, transnational terrorist threats are far greater today than when Obama took office in 2009. There have been more than 90 Islamist-related terror plots aimed at the United States since 9/11 and most of them have occurred on his watch.

The Iran nuclear deal can already be deemed a failure as Iran is now more aggressive than ever. It is accelerating its ballistic missile program, has escalated its military intervention in Syria, and continues to stoke the sectarian divisions in Iraq.

Our relations with China are worse and we’ve done nothing to stop its attempts to lay claim to the South China Sea in defiance of international norms. Obama clearly feels that getting the Chinese to sign the Paris agreement on climate change matters more than their island-building and tests of new ballistic missiles in that region.

The president promised to reset relations with Russia and signed the New START agreement. The result? Russia continues to modernize nuclear weapons. It seized Crimea and continues to conduct a proxy war in Ukraine and support genocide in Syria.

And closer to home, there is little evidence that Obama’s normalizing of relations with Cuba have done anything but strengthen the Castro regime. Violent beatings against prodemocracy activists have escalated, and the number of political dissidents being detained is on schedule to break previous records.

But perhaps one of the most concerning outcomes of Obama’s policies is that the state of our military has deteriorated—primarily as a result of inadequate funding, which led to a shrinking force that possesses aging equipment and modest levels of readiness for combat. The Heritage Index of U.S. Military Strength now grades the state of the military as marginal—not exactly a term that puts fear in the hearts of those who might seek to challenge us.

Despite the president’s attempt to suggest otherwise, America is not better off and the world is not a safer place after his eight years in office.

I doubt this was the “hope and change” most Americans were counting on. And Americans followed his “Yes, we can” mantra by electing a completely new direction for the country in November 2016.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Anticruelty legislation

Let me wade into this cruelty to animals legislation issue. I am, of course, all for it, but I do have some thoughts on the matter.

Animals are considered “chattel” the world over. Chattel is a legal term for possession. Legally, an animal is simply a possession no different than a chair or a table.

As such an owned animal has a legal value. If someone steals or damages any of your “stuff” you have a right to call the police to file a complaint. The police and the courts have a legal responsibility to deal with your complaint whether someone took or damaged your dog, or cat or cow, or lawn mower. It is all chattel.

They do not need an anticruelty law to deal with a legal complaint. They do need proof. Anticruelty legislation will not change any of this. These are legal facts that protect any and all legally owned chattel. Enforcement is the real issue.

What anticruelty legislation does is to protect animals that are not owned by anyone or that are owned and are being abused by their owners.

This is no different than your neighbor abusing your child. You don’t need anticruelty legislation to call the police be-

cause someone injured or abused your child, but a doctor needs anticruelty legislation to have a parent arrested for abusing their own child.

In many parts of the world it is illegal for a parent to spank their child because of anticruelty legislation. In short, anticruelty legislation is primarily aimed at the animal’s owner or “parent.”

In the U.S. mainland, a veterinarian is expected to call the police if an owner is suspected of abusing their pet. People routinely call the police on neighbors that they feel are neglecting their pets by leaving them tied to a tree or failing to give proper care for injuries or illness.

In some U.S. towns it is illegal for a veterinarian to declaw a cat, or to crop a dog’s tail because of the perception that it is cruel and inhumane and laws have been passed making these surgeries illegal.

Be sure you know what your goals are before you pass legislation.

Remember: “Ready, aim, fire,” not “ready, fire, aim.”

**Ed Tudor, DVM**  
*Sadog Tasi, Saipan*

## LITERARY CORNER

### Inauguration Day quantum jitters

*The words of Pepe Batbon found written on a cyber wall*

By **JOSEPH B. ‘PEPE BATBON’ CONNOLLY**  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Here are four poems written between Election Day 2016 and Inauguration Day 2017. There are two examples of a new type of poem, a combination of a limerick and a sonnet. I’m developing what is called a limeronnet. My new name for DJT is Trump E.R.Y. Trumpery means “worthless nonsense”, and E.R.Y. is short for Electoral Reigning Yahoo.

#### Some Limitations of Trump E.R.Y.

various chemicals in his yellow hair dye  
entered his cranium where follicles lie  
he’d be much better off if he let his head  
go bald or turn silver and white instead  
vanity won’t let him he’s “a smart guy”

when the serious gravity of his new job situation  
puts Big Apple man in international locations  
where he used to say ‘you’re fired’ or ‘big loser’

now he’ll be forced to be a diplomacy user  
dealing with rulers of many foreign nations

as Trump E.R.Y. moves from the Tower to his new digs  
his first move from business deals to political gigs  
denial of facts and insulting Intelligence has not moved  
his personal deplorableness is now more than proved  
he falls down lacking diplomatic gravity in his Newtonian jigs

#### The Russians are Coming, Don Keeps Dumbing

the Russians are coming! the Russians are coming!  
Republican and Russian cyberspace is humming  
news sources from various sectors of US Intelligence  
POTUS elect says they’re not doing due diligence  
as Trump E.R.Y. the Don keeps right on dumbing

now bombast and bluster is breaking down  
his face seems to wear a permanent frown  
and all the old Generals and rich Wall St. men  
can’t put Trumpy Dumpty back together again  
gold toilets and faucets overflow threaten to drown

well now there is General do this and General do that  
his Wall St. billionaires are all the ultimate ‘fat cats’  
those recently nominated or appointed to his cabinet  
Trump said HRC was in with them, let’s not forget  
antithetical to First Amendment most alt right stats

#### The Dumbing Down of Democracy

hello democracy my old and trusted friend  
our nation is in a crossroad situation

your staying power has not come to an end  
but few can tell our current destination  
it seems all the “Lock Her Up” demanders  
have evolved their next campaign shout  
as they understand speeches by Bernie Sanders  
chanting now of Trump, “Throw him out, throw him out”  
it seems the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendments  
are getting dumbed down by Don the Deplorable  
lets follow our founding fathers and the 10 Commandments  
and let the Supreme Court do the legal explorable  
wouldn’t you like to read a “TRUE” news report  
about Republicans and “9” members on the Supreme Court

#### Trump E.R.Y. Crap Hits Some Deplorable Fans

*Readers should remember HRC listed the “basket of deplorables” as negative qualities associated with DJT, e.g., misogyny, racism, sexism, etc., not people as many claimed, but if the shoe fits wear it.*

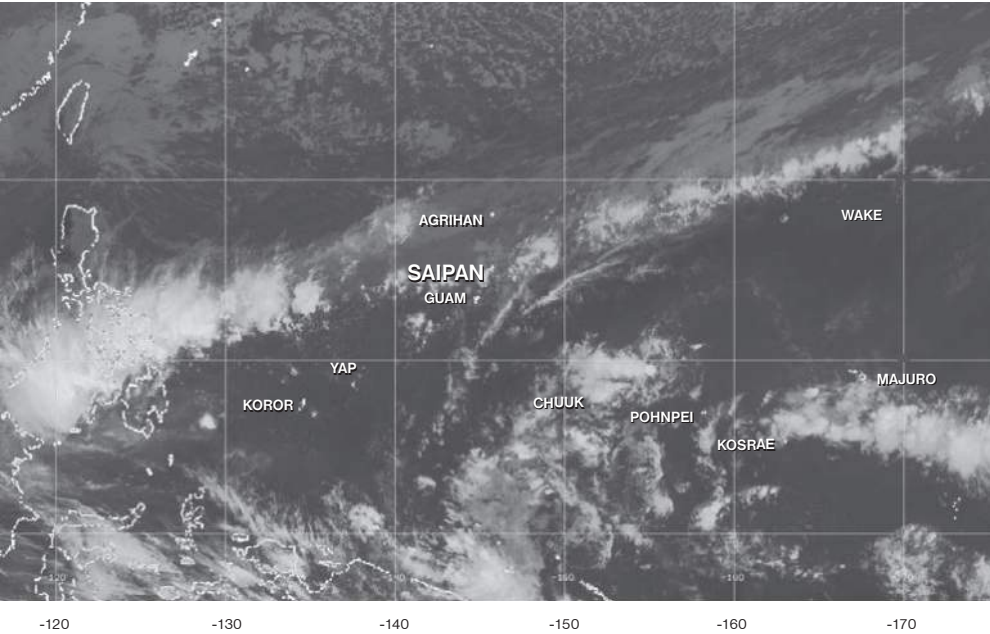
offending common sense and our eyes and ears  
the deplorable one towards deplorability steers  
customs and systems begin to fall apart  
even before Inauguration Day his official start  
a Russian Red tide is on its way coming back  
denied by Trump E.R.Y. every cyber attack  
ceremonies of friendship are performed  
as First and Second amendments are deformed  
some kind of comeuppance is at hand  
those tough generals will make their stand  
his cabinet of Wall St. billionaires lacks diversity  
and not a single graduate from Trump University  
yet Trump E.R.Y. continues more craps he’s shootin  
more to come from his realpolitik pal Vladimir Putin

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                               | SATURDAY                             |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  |   |   |                                      |                                      |
| Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. | Partly sunny and windy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 20 to 30 mph. | Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲ 87° ▼ 78°  | ▲ 87° ▼ 78°   | ▲ 87° ▼ 78°                                     | ▲ 87° ▼ 78°                          | ▲ 88° ▼ 78°                          |

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



## PICTURE TIME: 7:32 AM, MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows scattered showers in the CNMI associated with a cold front transitioning into a shear line. Isolated showers are seen in the Guam waters. The VAD wind profile shows variable winds, mainly from the west, at 8 knots or less through the lowest 10 thousand feet of the air. The latest observations from Saipan ASOS show that the winds of change are blowing, as they are at 15 knots with gusts to 21 knots. These higher winds should gradually filter southward toward Guam.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

| MICRONESIA    |               | ▲ ▼ °F    |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Guam and Rota | Mostly Cloudy | 84° / 74° |
| Palau         | Thunderstorm  | 87° / 78° |
| Yap           | Thunderstorm  | 84° / 78° |
| Chuuk         | Thunderstorm  | 85° / 77° |
| Pohnpei       | Thunderstorm  | 84° / 78° |
| Kosrae        | Mostly Cloudy | 86° / 79° |
| Majuro        | Mostly Cloudy | 84° / 80° |

| AROUND THE GLOBE |               | ▲ ▼ °F    |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Auckland         | Sunny         | 72° / 62° |
| Beijing          | Sunny         | 39° / 16° |
| Hong Kong        | Partly Cloudy | 84° / 69° |
| Honolulu         | Partly Cloudy | 81° / 70° |
| London           | Partly Cloudy | 41° / 30° |
| Los Angeles      | Sunny         | 67° / 47° |
| Manila           | Partly Cloudy | 86° / 73° |
| Melbourne        | Partly Cloudy | 68° / 54° |
| Miami            | Partly Cloudy | 78° / 67° |
| New York         | Showers       | 44° / 43° |
| Osaka            | Mostly Sunny  | 50° / 37° |
| Paris            | Sunny         | 36° / 23° |
| Pusan            | Partly Cloudy | 48° / 30° |
| Rome             | Partly Cloudy | 48° / 39° |
| Salem            | Mostly Cloudy | 74° / 59° |
| San Francisco    | Partly Cloudy | 35° / 6°  |
| Seoul            | Partly Cloudy | 43° / 21° |
| Tokyo            | Mostly Sunny  | 48° / 36° |
| Washington, DC   | Showers       | 54° / 52° |

### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PAPA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY |           |  | FEET   |
|----------------------------|-----------|--|--------|
| 5:01 AM                    | LOW TIDE  |  | -0.01  |
| 11:44 AM                   | HIGH TIDE |  | 1.93   |
| 6:01 PM                    | LOW TIDE  |  | 0.85   |
| 10:52 PM                   | HIGH TIDE |  | 1.56 H |

|           | SUNRISE | SUNSET  |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| Today     | 6:47 AM | 6:07 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:47 AM | 6:08 PM |
| Thursday  | 6:47 AM | 6:08 PM |
| Friday    | 6:47 AM | 6:09 PM |
| Saturday  | 6:47 AM | 6:09 PM |

|           | MOONRISE | MOONSET  | MOONRISE |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Today     | -        | 10:16 AM | 10:33 PM |
| Wednesday | -        | 10:56 AM | 11:22 PM |
| Thursday  | -        | 11:36 AM | -        |
| Friday    | 12:10 AM | 12:15 PM | -        |
| Saturday  | 12:58 AM | 12:55 PM | -        |

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| DEPARTURES        |        |         |                     |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------------------|
| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) |        |         |                     |
| UA6394            | 4:15am | 5:05am  | Daily               |
| UA6392            | 8:40am | 9:30am  | Daily               |
| UA6391            | 1:30pm | 3:10pm  | 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota |
| UA6390            | 2:20pm | 3:10pm  | 2, 3, 6             |
| UA6398            | 6:05pm | 6:55pm  | Daily               |
| UA6396            | 9:50pm | 10:40pm | Daily               |

| SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP) |        |        |            |
|-------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| UA6391            | 1:30pm | 2:05pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

| ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM) |        |        |            |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| UA6391                | 2:35pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) |        |        |       |
|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| DL297               | 4:15pm | 7:05pm | Daily |

| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) |        |        |                  |
|--------------------|--------|--------|------------------|
| TW308              | 2:35am | 6:25am | 1, 2, 7          |
| OZ626              | 2:10am | 6:00am | 1                |
| OZ626              | 2:50am | 6:40am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| TW308              | 3:05am | 6:55am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6    |
| OZ628              | 3:50am | 7:40am | Daily            |
| 7C3403             | 4:35am | 8:30am | Daily            |
| LJ652              | 3:10pm | 7:05pm | Daily            |
| 7C3401             | 4:30pm | 8:25pm | Daily            |
| ZE582              | 4:30pm | 9:05pm | Daily            |

| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) |        |        |      |
|--------------------|--------|--------|------|
| 7C3451             | 2:55am | 6:10am | 1, 7 |
| OZ608              | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 |
| 7C3451             | 3:15am | 6:30am | 4, 5 |

| SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU) |        |        |      |
|-------------------|--------|--------|------|
| 7C3433            | 3:55am | 7:30am | 3, 7 |

| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) |        |        |            |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| 3U8648                | 5:40am | 8:00am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) |        |        |         |
|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| MU764                | 1:30am | 6:55am | 3, 5, 7 |

| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) |        |        |      |
|------------------------|--------|--------|------|
| 3U8646                 | 4:30am | 7:50am | 2, 6 |

| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) |        |         |                          |
|---------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|
| OZ626/701           | 2:10am | 10:50am | 1 via ICN                |
| OZ626/701           | 2:50am | 10:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA6394/191          | 4:15am | 9:00am  | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM       |
| UA6394/PR111        | 4:15am | 9:30am  | Daily via GUM            |
| PR1572              | 5:45am | 7:45am  | 4, 7                     |
| UA6391/183          | 1:30pm | 9:30pm  | 5 via Rota-GUM           |
| UA6391/183          | 1:30pm | 9:50pm  | 1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM     |
| UA6391/193          | 1:30pm | 11:10pm | 5 via Rota-GUM-ROR       |
| UA6390/183          | 2:20pm | 9:30pm  | 2 via GUM                |
| UA6390/183          | 2:20pm | 9:50pm  | 3, 6 via GUM             |
| UA6390/193          | 2:20pm | 11:10pm | 2 via GUM-ROR            |

| SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG) |        |         |                          |
|------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|
| UO42                   | 1:40am | 5:00am  | 2, 4, 6                  |
| HX077                  | 2:15am | 5:15am  | 1, 4                     |
| OZ626/721              | 2:10am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN                |
| OZ626/721              | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ628/723              | 3:50am | 12:50pm | Daily via ICN            |
| PR1572/318             | 5:45am | 12:20pm | 4, 7 via MNL             |
| UA6391/159             | 1:30pm | 10:35pm | 1, 5 via Rota-GUM        |
| UA6390/159             | 2:20pm | 10:35pm | 3, 6 via GUM             |

| ARRIVALS          |         |        |                  |
|-------------------|---------|--------|------------------|
| GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN |         |        |                  |
| UA6393            | 2:45am  | 3:35am | Daily            |
| UA6395            | 7:15am  | 8:05am | Daily            |
| UA6391            | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7       |
| UA6390            | 12:10pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 via Rota |
| UA6397            | 4:45pm  | 5:35pm | Daily            |
| UA6399            | 8:30pm  | 9:20pm | Daily            |

| GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP) |         |         |         |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| UA6390                | 12:10pm | 12:45pm | 2, 3, 6 |

| ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN |        |        |         |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| UA6390            | 1:15pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 |

| NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN |         |        |       |
|---------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| DL298               | 10:25am | 2:55pm | Daily |

| SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN |         |          |                  |
|--------------------|---------|----------|------------------|
| LJ651              | 8:25am  | 1:45pm   | Daily            |
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| TW307              | 8:15pm  | 1:35am+1 | 1, 6, 7          |
| OZ625              | 7:40pm  | 1:00am+1 | 7                |
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| TW307              | 8:45pm  | 2:05am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5    |
| OZ627              | 9:30pm  | 2:50am+1 | Daily            |
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| BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN |        |          |      |
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| JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN |         |          |      |
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| 7C3434            | 10:05pm | 2:40am+1 | 2, 6 |

| SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN |         |          |            |
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| BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN |        |           |         |
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| UA192/6395          | 10:20pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM         |
| UA184/6395          | 10:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM    |
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# Business

## Shop Guam e-Festival vendors take Håfa Adai Pledge

The Guam Visitors Bureau hosted a special Håfa Adai Pledge Signing Ceremony to welcome Shop Guam e-Festival vendors to the program on Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort in Tamuning.

The event featured remarks from GVB director of Global Marketing Pilar Laguana, GVB president and CEO Nathan Denight, and Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr., oversight chairman of the Committee on Tourism. The event also included a blessing ceremony and closing performance by Pa'a Taotao Tano'.

The annual Shop Guam e-Festival campaign features special promotions for dining, shopping, touring and cultural events. It is a unique way to explore Guam and to experience events during the festival.

"The Shop Guam e-Festival is not just for our visitors,"



GUAM VISITORS BUREAU

The Guam Visitors Bureau holds a special Håfa Adai Pledge Signing Ceremony on Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort. Pictured are GVB director of Global Marketing Pilar Laguana, GVB president and CEO Nathan Denight, Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr., and pledge signers. In addition to G4S Security, the signers included Shop Guam e-Festival vendors—LaCascata at Sheraton, President Nippon at Sheraton, The Point at Sheraton, Bayside BBQ at Sheraton, JC Rentals Guam, Pretzelmaker, Cinnabon, Guam Jet Ski, PanIQ 45, Shave It!, GNC Guam, LOVE Vitamin Supply, Joe's Jet Ski, Lin's Jewelry, Café Kitchen at Hyatt Regency Guam, and Breezes at Hyatt.

## Communication key to clear expectations

**Q: I'm not sure what to do about someone stealing my ideas. During a recent business school project, I was teamed with another classmate who seemed to like my approach to the assignment. "Michael" generally followed my lead and seldom made suggestions of his own.**

**After awhile, I noticed that another team's presentations were sounding very similar to ours. When I overheard Michael talking with them, I realized that he had been giving away my ideas. Although this felt like a betrayal, I decided not to confront him about it.**

**Instead, I sent the other team an email complimenting them on their progress and suggesting that we get together to compare projects. Now I'm not sure if this was the right thing to do. How should I have handled this situation?**

**A:** Your current dilemma provides a textbook example of the problems created by unclear expectations. At the beginning of this assignment, you and Michael should have asked your professor whether teams were allowed to exchange information. If so, then the two of you could have agreed on what was appropriate to share.

As it was, Michael simply followed his natural inclination to collaborate, which seemed to you like a violation of trust. Even though you felt strongly about this,

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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as indicated by the words "stealing" and "betrayal," you elected not to discuss it. Instead, you invited the other team to a meeting without asking Michael's opinion, thereby treating him just as he treated you.

To avoid replicating this muddle in the business world, make a habit of always clarifying expectations with your manager and your colleagues. And instead of bottling up resentments, learn how to resolve your concerns in a calm, professional manner.

**Q: For several years, I have been the maintenance supervisor for a ski lift company. Our new general manager says my employees are not performing properly and that I'm not doing enough to motivate them. In his view, "motivation" means threatening disciplinary action.**

**The only problem with my crew is that management has never provided any training on ski lift maintenance, so they don't have the required skills. Now my boss is implying that if my**

**employees' performance doesn't improve, my own job might be at risk. What can I do about this?**

**A:** Your manager needs to learn the difference between a skill problem and an attitude problem. Here's the standard question for differentiating the two: could the employee do this task correctly if their life depended on it? If the answer is no, then there is clearly a skill deficit, and neither carrots nor sticks will have any effect.

Of course, the real problem may be that your boss doesn't know what ski lift maintenance requires as managers often lack knowledge about the jobs they oversee. In that case, give him a list of the necessary abilities, highlight areas where your crew needs improvement and provide information about available training programs.

A quick internet search for "ski lift maintenance training" will indicate which schools offer this instruction and why it's so important for both your customers and your company.

Laguana said. "It's for every single citizen who lives here on Guam to enjoy."

The Håfa Adai Pledge program is a cornerstone of the Guam Visitors Bureau's local

community branding campaign. Since its inception in 2009, the Håfa Adai Pledge program has grown steadily both in numbers of participants as well as the content

of individual pledges. To date over 650 private businesses, government agencies, nonprofits and other organizations have joined the Håfa Adai Pledge program. (GVB)

## Davos forum chief: 'It's important to listen' to populists

**DAVOS, Switzerland (AP)**—At the Davos economic conference, "it's important to listen to the populists," says the founder of the annual gathering of movers and shakers, adding that he hopes to welcome U.S. President Donald Trump "expressing his ideas" at the Swiss forum one day.

Critics often accuse the yearly World Economic Forum in the Swiss Alps of being a snow-covered playground for well-heeled business and political elites. But founder Klaus Schwab said this year's event, which opens Monday before a public start Tuesday, is reaching out to populist politicians who have ridden a

wave of discontent among the masses.

"It's important to listen to the populists, and actually we have several sessions where we deal with these issues, and we have representatives of populist parties here with us," Schwab said in an interview Sunday with The Associated Press. "We have to take it (populism) seriously."

For a forum that strives to take the pulse of the world each year and produce "a real hub of a global discussion," Schwab said "it would be soundly unrealistic and far from realities if we did not integrate the concerns of populists very much into our own

deliberation."

For this 47th Davos conference, a record turnout of some 3,000 people will gather around the theme of "Responsive and Responsible Leadership," alluding to the challenge of wise decision-making during a time of populist fervor.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, the first Chinese head of state ever to attend the forum, is perhaps the standout among 46 heads of state expected to be on hand. Xi's visit to Davos during an official visit to Switzerland is important, Schwab said, because it shows how the world is moving from a "unipolar to a multipolar world."

## Trump: Brexit 'a great thing,' EU to continue to break apart

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Wading into foreign affairs days before his inauguration, President-elect Donald Trump said Britain's decision to leave the European Union would "end up being a great thing" and predicted the bloc would continue to break apart.

The incoming president, in an interview published Sunday, said European countries are reacting to an influx of immigrants that threaten each nation's identity.

"People, countries want their own identity and the UK wanted its own identity," Trump said in an interview

with London's The Sunday Times and Bild, a German newspaper.

"I believe others will leave," he continued. "I do think keeping it together is not gonna be as easy as a lot of people think. And I think this: if refugees keep pouring into different parts of Europe...I think it's gonna be very hard to keep it together, because people are angry about it."

The comments largely echo Trump's rhetoric during his presidential campaign. He helped rally white working-class voters by railing against illegal immigration

and vowing to build a massive wall along the border with Mexico.

Trump indicated he was indifferent to whether the EU stays together or not, a sharp break from the Obama administration, which encouraged Great Britain to remain in the EU last year. The vote injected instability across the region and triggered calls for similar moves in France, Sweden and the Netherlands. It also weakened the 28-nation bloc's ability to push back against Russian aggression in Ukraine, among other regional challenges.

# Nation

## Outgoing CIA chief rips into Trump on Russia threat

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The outgoing CIA director charged on Sunday that Donald Trump lacks a full understanding of the threat Moscow poses to the United States, delivering a public lecture to the president-elect that further highlighted the bitter state of Trump's relations with American intelligence agencies.

John Brennan's pointed message on national television came just five days before Trump becomes the nation's 45th president amid lingering questions about Russia's role in the 2016 election even as the fo-



Brennan

cus shifts to the challenges of governing. "Now that he's going to have an opportunity to do something for our national security as opposed to talking and tweeting, he's going to have tremendous responsibility to make sure that

U.S. and national security interests are protected," Brennan said on "Fox News Sunday," warning that the president-elect's impulsivity could be dangerous.

"Spontaneity is not something that protects national security interests," Brennan declared.

Trump, who has unleashed

a series of aggressive tweets against the U.S. intelligence community and his political rivals in recent weeks, responded aggressively on Twitter several hours later.

"Was this the leaker of Fake News?" Trump tweeted Sunday evening, referring to a recent document that contains unverified financial and per-

sonal information that could be damaging to the president-elect. The Associated Press has not been able to verify the contents of the document.

The president-elect remained behind closed doors in his Manhattan high rise Sunday. His team worked to answer questions about his plans at home and abroad once he's sworn into office on Friday.

Among Trump's immediate challenges: the United States' complicated relationship with Russia, crafting an affordable health care alternative that doesn't strip coverage from millions of Americans, and growing questions about the legitimacy of his presidency.

## Few Asian-Americans hold top legal jobs, new study says

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—When Goodwin Liu joined the seven-member California Supreme Court in 2011, he became its fourth sitting member of Asian descent. The number is remarkable.

The other state supreme courts in the U.S. combined have a handful of Asian-American justices. And Asian-American representation on other state courts, the federal bench and among the country's top prosecutors is similarly scant.

Those findings emerged from a new study by Liu and law students at Yale University that provides a portrait of Asian-Americans in the legal profession. The conclusion: They are well-represented among the nation's attorneys but still missing from some of the highest posts.

"They have a foot in the door in virtually every sector of the legal profession," Liu said during a recent interview. "The question now is how wide that door's going to swing open for them."

For Liu, the study is personal. His parents were doctors who came to the U.S. in the late 1960s from Taiwan. Nothing in his childhood was a conduit for a legal career. His parents encouraged him to study math and science. He didn't know any attorneys growing up and almost became a doctor.

Liu said the difference for him was mentorship. He had two Asian-American leaders as role models: U.S. Rep. Bob Matsui and former Yale Law School Dean Harold Koh.

## Thousands rally to resist Republican health law repeal drive



Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., at podium, joins health care workers to save the Affordable Care Act across the country outside LAC+USC Medical Center in Los Angeles Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017.

**WARREN, Mich. (AP)**—Thousands of people showed up in freezing temperatures on Sunday in Michigan to hear Sen. Bernie Sanders denounce Republican efforts to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, one of dozens of rallies Democrats staged across the country to highlight opposition.

Labor unions were a strong presence at the demonstration in a parking lot at Macomb Community College in the Detroit suburb of Warren, where some people carried signs saying "Save our Health Care."

Lisa Bible, 55, of Bancroft, Michigan, said she has an autoimmune disease and high cholesterol. She said the existing law has been an answer to her and her husband's prayers, but she worries that if it's repealed her family may get

stuck with her medical bills.

"I'm going to get really sick and my life will be at risk," said Bible, an online antique dealer.

President-elect Donald Trump has vowed to overturn and replace the Affordable Care Act, and majority Republicans in Congress this week began the process of repealing it using a budget maneuver that requires a bare majority in the Senate.

"This is the wealthiest country in the history of the world. It is time we got our national priorities right," Sanders told the Michigan rally.

The law has delivered health coverage to about 20 million people but is saddled with problems such as rapidly rising premiums and large co-payments.

Britt Waligorski, 31, a health care administrator for a dental practice, said she didn't get health insurance through

work but has been covered through the health law for three years. While the premiums have gone up, she said she is concerned that services for women will be taken away if it is repealed.

"It's done a lot for women for their annual checkups, for mammograms—women's health in general. If this gets repealed, we're going to go back to the old days when that's not covered," she said.

At the rally in San Francisco, Silvia Pena, a 45-year-old nanny, said she had never had held insurance until she enrolled in the Affordable Care Act six years ago.

"I don't have health issues, but you can need insurance any time. We should all have access to health services," said Pena, who held a sign that read "It's our right and our body.

Keep Planned Parenthood and Obamacare."

About 2,000 people cheered and held rainbow and American flags and signs that read "Don't Make America Sick Again" and "Health Care For All" at the rally. Patients who survived cancer, strokes and other health difficulties are sharing stories on how they benefited from the mandated health insurance.

In Los Angeles, organizers of the rally outside the LA County/USC Medical Center warned that a repeal of the law without a replacement will throw the state's health care system into chaos and strip coverage from 5 million Californians.

Rallies in other cities in support of the health law also were well attended. Police estimated about 600 people showed up in Portland, Maine.

Hundreds also attended events in Newark, New Jersey, Johnston, Rhode Island, Richmond, Virginia and Boston.

The health law has provided subsidies and Medicaid coverage for millions who don't get insurance at work. It has required insurers to cover certain services such as family planning and people who are already ill, and has placed limits on the amount that the sick and elderly can be billed for health care.

Republicans want to end the fines that enforce the requirement that many individuals buy coverage and that larger companies provide it to workers. But they face internal disagreements on how to pay for any replacement and how to protect consumers and insurers during a long phase-in of an alternative.

# Asia

## China state media call Trump's Taiwan strategy 'despicable'

**BEIJING** (AP)—President-elect Donald Trump “speaks like a rookie,” China’s state-run media said Monday, describing his suggested use of America’s position on Taiwan as a bargaining chip as “despicable.”

The nationalist tabloid Global Times published an editorial blasting Trump’s strategy and saying China

would have a strong response to any reconsideration of the “one China” policy. Since recognizing Beijing in 1979, Washington has maintained only unofficial ties with Taiwan, the self-governing island that Beijing considers its territory—a status quo that Trump has repeatedly threatened to upend since winning the November election.

“In the past, Trump infuriated us, but now we find him risible,” said the newspaper, which is published by the Peo-

ple’s Daily, the ruling Communist Party’s mouthpiece. “With a skyrocketing ascent in his political life, he has been stunningly confident in his ostensible knowledge of the job, though he speaks like a rookie.”

The English-language China Daily ran an editorial Monday accusing Trump of “playing with fire.”

“If Trump is determined to use this gambit on taking office, a period of fierce, damaging interactions will be unavoidable, as Beijing will have

no choice but to take off the gloves,” the newspaper said.

Trump told The Wall Street Journal in an interview published Friday that “everything is under negotiation, including ‘one China.’” It was the latest sign that Trump could shake up the U.S.-China relationship, particularly on Taiwan, which China considers a core national interest.

China’s Foreign Ministry responded with a statement Sunday saying the “one China” policy was “non-negotiable.”

“The government of the People’s Republic of China is the only legitimate government representing China,” spokesman Lu Kang said in a statement. “That is the fact acknowledged by the international community and no one can change it.”

China was already angered by Trump’s Dec. 2 phone call with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, the first time an American president or president-elect has publicly spoken to Taiwan’s leader in nearly

four decades. Beijing considers any reference to a separate Taiwanese head of state to be a grave insult.

Trump then said in a television interview that he didn’t feel “bound by a one-China policy unless we make a deal with China having to do with other things, including trade.”

On Sunday, Reince Priebus, Trump’s incoming chief of staff, said that “there are no plans to change the one-China policy.”

### ASIAN BRIEFS

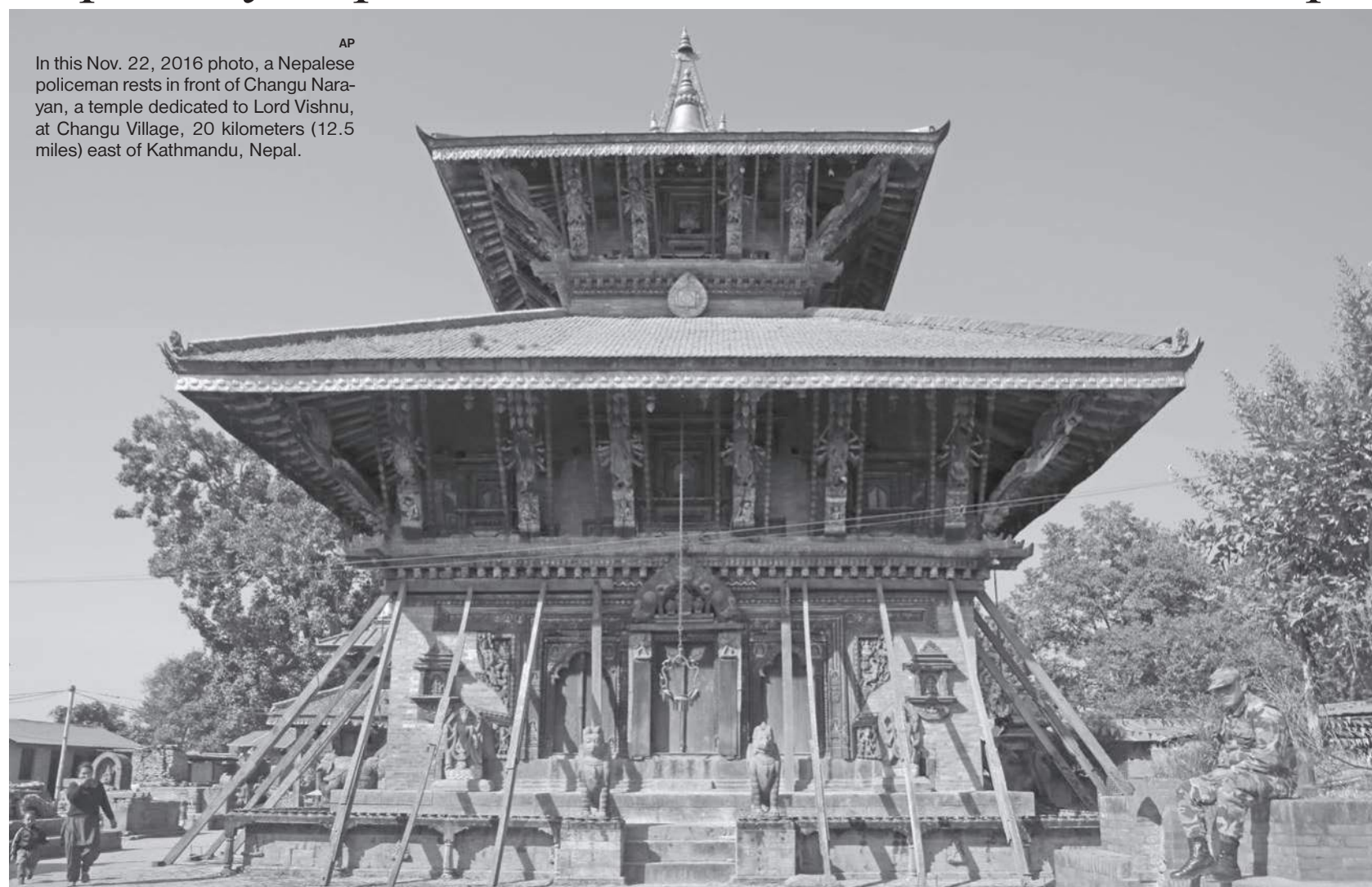
#### Kyrgyzstan Health Ministry says cargo plane crash kills 32

**BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan** (AP)—The Health Ministry in Kyrgyzstan says a cargo plane has crashed in a residential area just outside the Central Asian country’s main airport, killing 32 people. The ministry said Monday that the Turkish airline Boeing 747 crash-landed just outside the Manas airport, south of the capital Bishkek, killing at least 15 people in a residential area adjacent to the airport as well as 17 people onboard the plane. Local emergency services are working on the scene.

#### Indonesia, Japan affirm deeper ties during Abe’s Asian tour

**BOGOR, Indonesia** (AP)—Japan and Indonesia on Sunday affirmed a deepening of economic and political ties during a visit by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is using a four-nation tour of Asia to underscore his government’s role in countering China’s assertiveness in the South China Sea. After meeting with Abe, Indonesian President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo said the increase in Japanese investment in Indonesia, Southeast Asia’s largest economy, has been “very significant,” doubling to \$4.5 billion in January-September of last year. He said the meeting was “warm, open and productive,” and that the countries agreed that their defense and foreign ministers would meet in Indonesia this year under a new forum they established in 2015 to increase maritime cooperation. Jokowi said there were agreements on development of the Patimban deep-sea port and the Masela gas field in Indonesia, and for preliminary discussions on a Jakarta-Surabaya rail line.

## Inspired by Nepalese, UK architect rebuilds ancient temple



AP  
In this Nov. 22, 2016 photo, a Nepalese policeman rests in front of Changu Narayan, a temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, at Changu Village, 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) east of Kathmandu, Nepal.

**CHANGU NARAYAN, Nepal** (AP)—When a 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked Nepal last year, villagers in Changu Narayan ran up the steep rocky path that cuts through their town to their renowned temple. Seeing the piles of rubble, they figured their lives were over.

Less than two years later, the community is cleaning up their World Heritage Site themselves, and one of the world’s leading architects has taken on the recovery as his pet project.

“I see now our world coming back alive,” said Gyan Bahadur Bhadal, 61, one of many villagers who share responsibility for the temple’s upkeep.

In a country where locals say there are more gods than people and more temples than houses, Changu Narayan still manages to stand out among the ancient

holy places. It’s believed to be the oldest Hindu place of worship in the country, its wooden walls intricately carved with hundreds of deities, perched atop a steep hill overlooking the Kathmandu Valley.

The 5th century temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu, who locals say appeared there once. His image, in about a dozen incarnations, is carved into struts that hold up the roof. Stone lions with eagle heads guard the doors. Inside has long been a mystery: Only priests enter the two-tiered pagoda, and they don’t explore.

An April 2015 temblor that killed 9,000 people in Nepal also damaged details in Changu Narayan’s wood, stone and metal. A sharp aftershock one day later twisted the entire structure, knocking piles of bricks out of

the walls, filling the courtyard.

Anish Bhatta’s family has been living and leading worship at the temple for 10 generations—some 325 years. After the earthquake, Anish did the unthinkable: He went all the way inside.

“We saw things we never imagined,” he said. “Statues as big as me, swords, so many sculptures, gold plated with big gems.”

Today the temple is guarded by military police, and propped up with questionable temporary beams.

British architect John Sanday, who led the World Monuments Fund restoration of Cambodia’s Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world, fell in love with the place decades ago. After the earthquake, he came up the Changu path with trepidation.

“I was very emotional walk-

ing into this place. The whole of the courtyard was littered with rubble. I thought, ‘Come on, John, you’ve got to pull yourself together,’” he recalled.

But then Sanday noticed wooden supports exposed by the missing brick. He saw what looked like a bedrock foundation. And he decided that of the 600 historical temples, monuments and palaces damaged by the earthquake in Nepal, this one would be his project.

“Sure, it’s peanuts, a little temple, so why is it so special?” said Sanday. “The detail. The grace. It’s one of the few World Heritage Sites that hasn’t been completely destroyed by development.”

But what really drew him to step in as technical adviser were the people of this village.

Among tourists and pilgrims, Changu Narayan’s residents

pray there at dusk, kneel at the deities, bow to the gods, offer alms to the priests who stand duty at the door.

Three people died and 100 homes were damaged in Changu Village, a 30-minute drive from downtown Kathmandu, during the earthquake. Like families in the city 12.5 miles (20 kilometers) away, the Changu community grieved, cried and cleaned up rubble.

But in the hilltop village the community did something else: With rags and water, little picks and brushes, they cleaned the ancient and exotic carved brackets and facades, cleaning and repairing, bit by bit, so they could resume their worship. Now Sanday says their dedication is his inspiration. He will not allow their culture to disappear with the damaged building.

# World

## Kremlin counts days to Trump's inauguration, blasts Obama

MOSCOW (AP)—With eager anticipation, the Kremlin is counting the days to Donald Trump's inauguration and venting its anger at Barack Obama's outgoing administration, no holds barred.

Careful not to hurt chances for a thaw in U.S.-Russia relations, President Vladimir Putin and other Russian officials have deferred questions about their plans for future contacts

with Trump and any agenda for those talks until he takes office on Friday.

Trump's open admiration of Putin has brought wide expectations of improved Moscow-Washington relations, but Trump has not articulated a clear Russia policy. His Cabinet nominees include both a retired general with a hawkish stance on Russia and an oil executive who has done

extensive business in Russia.

At the same time, Russian officials are blasting the outgoing U.S. administration in distinctly undiplomatic language, dropping all decorum after Obama hit Moscow with more sanctions in his final weeks in office.

Moscow calls Obama's



Putin

team a "bunch of geopolitical losers" engaged in a last-ditch effort to inflict the maximum possible damage to U.S.-Russia ties to make it more difficult for Trump to mend the rift.

In a clear effort to avoid risking a rapprochement with Trump, Putin showed remark-

able restraint when the U.S. expelled 35 Russian diplomats over accusations of meddling in the U.S. election campaign. Instead of a usual tit-for-tat response, Putin invited U.S. diplomats' children to a New Year's party at the Kremlin.

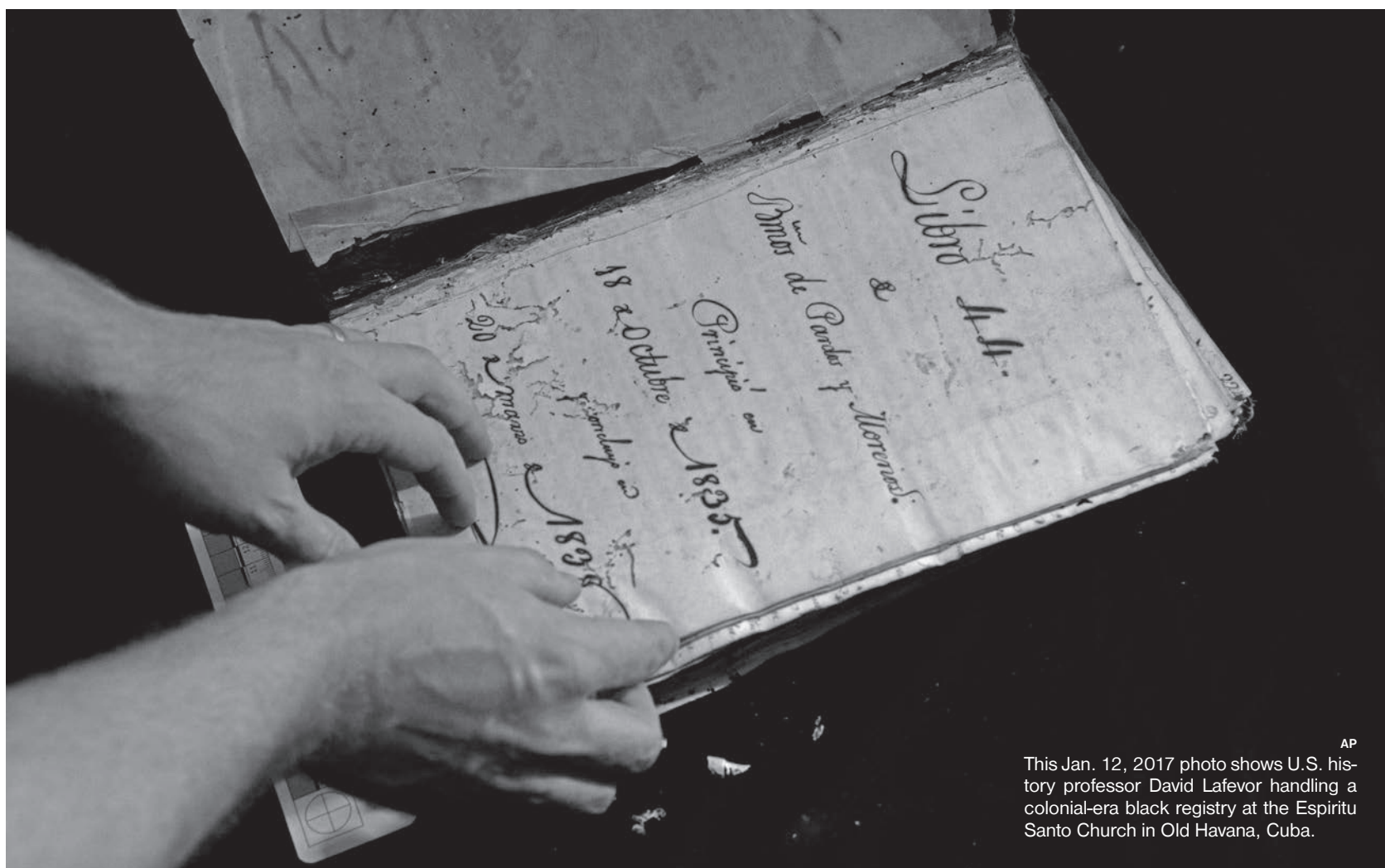
Trump's national security adviser, Michael Flynn, and Russia's ambassador to the U.S. were in frequent contact in recent weeks, including on

Dec. 29, the day Obama hit Moscow with sanctions in retaliation for election-related hacking, according to a senior U.S. official.

Moscow similarly refrained from retaliation when the White House last week added five Russians, including the chief of Russia's top state investigative agency, to the U.S. sanctions list.

On Sunday, Vice President-elect Mike Pence insisted the Trump presidential campaign had no contacts with Russia and denied that the incoming national security adviser spoke with Russian officials in December about sanctions. He added that such questions were part of an effort to cast doubt on Trump's victory.

## Academics race to save rare colonial documents in Cuba



This Jan. 12, 2017 photo shows U.S. history professor David Lafavor handling a colonial-era black registry at the Espiritu Santo Church in Old Havana, Cuba.

HAVANA (AP)—An American team of academics is racing to preserve millions of Cuban historical documents before they are lost to the elements and poor storage conditions.

Many of the documents shed light on the slave trade, an integral part of Cuba's colonial history that was intertwined with that of the United States.

David Lafavor, a history professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, and his brother Matthew, a geography professor at the University of Alabama, have worked since 2005 to make computer copies of millions of documents mouldering in damp storage spaces on the island.

Their latest project is a partnership between the British Library Foundation and Vanderbilt University to capture almost 2 million documents in digital form, a treasure trove stretching back to

the mid-16th century of documents about early island life and the slave trade.

David Lafavor said there is nothing like Cuba's documents in the U.S., where slaves were considered possessions, not human beings.

Though no less ruthless when it came to slavery than the Anglos to the north, the Spanish recognized the "personhood" of slaves once they were baptized into the Catholic Church. Their births, marital status, national origin and deaths were all duly recorded in the town records and stored in church archives, leaving a historical record of blacks and the lives they led unique in the Americas.

Churches became the repository of much of this history because of its central role in island life and because church officials were painstaking documentarians who often were the most educated in their communities, David Lafavor

said in an interview.

"The documents are not only pertinent to the Catholic Church because the church was often the most substantial building in town, so other documents were kept there as well," he said.

For instance, while digitizing some documents in the town of Colon, a slave trading post in colonial days that is about 175 kilometers (about 110 miles) east of Havana, Lafavor discovered the existence of a nearby town founded by former American slaves who had fled the mainland from what had been Spanish-ruled Florida.

The town, Ceiba Mocha, was once known as Ceiba Mocha de la Nueva St. Augustine, a reference to the city that was the capital of Spanish Florida in the 18th century. None of the town's residents were aware of its origins.

Cuba's Catholic Church

has played a major role in the preservation project, granting access to church archives around the island and assisting in identifying important documents.

Church officials like Deacon Felix Knight of the colonial Santo Espiritu Church in Old Havana, tucked away in a warren of narrow lanes in the city's colonial heart, work with the academics to find and preserve old documents.

"These books reflect life, aspects of the sacramental life of blacks, obviously of whites also. That's how these books were placed—books for whites, books for blacks. The important thing is to preserve as many of them as possible," Knight said.

It is especially important to preserve the history of the Afro-Cuban community, whose history has not been well documented in Cuba, he added.

Slavery wasn't outlawed in Cuba until 1886, and American slavers had used the island as a transshipment point for African slaves destined for U.S. slave markets in the South.

"We are working for that, to maintain and recover that which is irreplaceable, a legacy. It's a patrimony, a way of seeing that is very personal," Knight said, holding a book from 1674 that contains records of black births, marriages, deaths and civil status.

The process of digitizing the papers can be painstaking, consisting of carefully removing the ancient volumes from storage, placing them on a black cloth used for background, then opening each page slowly and photographing it. An average book can contain hundreds of pages, all in various conditions of decay, the writing faded from age and the elements.

### World diplomats tell Trump, Israel: Mideast needs peace

PARIS (AP)—Sending a forceful message to Israel's prime minister and the incoming Trump administration, dozens of countries called Sunday on Israel and the Palestinians to revive work toward long-elusive peace—including an independent Palestinian state.

The closing declaration at a Mideast peace conference in Paris urged both sides to "officially restate their commitment to the two-state solution" and disassociate from voices that reject this. It also warned them against taking one-sided actions that could hurt talks, an apparent reference to Israeli settlement building.

While the Palestinians welcomed Sunday's declaration, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the conference "rigged" and cooked up behind Israel's back to force it to accept conditions against national interests.

The French organizers argued the conference was necessary to keep hopes alive for a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians—the solution favored by the international community for the past two decades.

Many members of Netanyahu's coalition want to abandon the two-state solution and expand settlements, and some have even called for annexing parts of the West Bank. Trump's campaign platform made no mention of Palestinian independence.

## Focus

# GLARING INEQUITY

## Oxfam says 8 men as rich as half the world



In this Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 photo, workers unload bricks at a brick-making factory in Naypyitaw, Myanmar. As bricks continue to be used in construction throughout Myanmar, traditional craftsmen who produce hand-made bricks are facing competition from machine-made bricks which are produced more efficiently. AP

**DAVOS, Switzerland (AP)**—The gap between the super-rich and the poorest half of the global population is starker than previously thought, with just eight men, from Bill Gates to Michael Bloomberg, owning as much wealth as 3.6 billion people, according to an analysis by Oxfam released Monday.

Presenting its findings on the dawn of the annual gathering of the global political and business elites in the Swiss ski resort of Davos, anti-poverty organization Oxfam says the gap between the very rich and poor is far greater than just a year ago. It's urging leaders to do more than pay lip-service to the problem.

If not, it warns, public anger against this kind of inequality will continue to grow and lead to more seismic political changes akin to last year's election of Donald Trump as U.S. president and Britain's vote to leave the European Union.

"It is obscene for so much wealth to be held in the hands of so few when 1 in 10 people survive on less than \$2 a day," said Winnie Byanyima, executive director of Oxfam International, who will be attending the meeting in Davos.

"Inequality is trapping hundreds of millions in poverty; it is fracturing our societies and undermining democracy."

The same report a year earlier said that the richest 62 people on the planet owned as much wealth as the bottom half of the population. However, Oxfam has revised that figure down to eight following new information gathered by Swiss bank Credit Suisse.

Oxfam used Forbes' billionaires list that was last published in March 2016 to make its headline claim. According to the Forbes list, Microsoft founder Gates is the richest individual with a net worth of \$75 billion. The others, in order of ranking, are Amancio Ortega, the Spanish founder of fashion house Inditex, financier Warren Buffett, Mexican business magnate Carlos Slim Helu, Amazon boss Jeff Bezos, Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg, Oracle's Larry Ellison and Bloomberg, the former mayor of New York.

Oxfam outlined measures that it hopes will be enacted to help reduce the inequality.

They include higher taxes on wealth and income to ensure a more level playing field and to fund investments in public

services and jobs, greater cooperation among governments on ensuring workers are paid decently and the rich don't dodge their taxes. And business leaders should commit to paying their fair share of taxes and a

pay their taxes."

The ability of the rich to avoid paying their fair share of taxes was vividly exposed last year in the so-called "Panama Papers," a leaked trove of data that revealed details on off-

told The Associated Press. "That's crazy."

It's because of this kind of inequality that trust in institutions has fallen sharply since the global financial crisis of 2008, according to Edelman, one of the world's biggest marketing firms.

In its own pre-Davos survey of more than 33,000 people across 28 markets, Edelman found the largest-ever drop in trust across government, business, media and even non-governmental organizations. CEO credibility is at an all-time low and government leaders are the least trusted group, according to the survey.

The firm's 2017 Trust Barometer found that 53 percent of respondents believe the current system has failed them in that it is unfair and offers few hopes for the future, with only 15 percent believing it is working. That belief was evident for both the general population and those with college education.

"The implications of the global trust crisis are deep and wide-ranging," said Richard Edelman, the firm's president and CEO. "It began with the Great Recession of 2008, but like the second and third waves of a tsunami, globalization and

technological change have further weakened people's trust in global institutions. The consequence is virulent populism and nationalism as the mass population has taken control away from the elites."

Edelman highlighted how "the emergence of a media echo chamber" that reinforces personal beliefs while shutting out opposing views has magnified this "cycle of distrust." According to the survey, search engines are trusted more as an information tool than traditional news editors, 59 percent to 41 percent.

"People now view media as part of the elite," said Edelman. "The result is a proclivity for self-referential media and reliance on peers. The lack of trust in media has also given rise to the fake news phenomenon and politicians speaking directly to the masses."

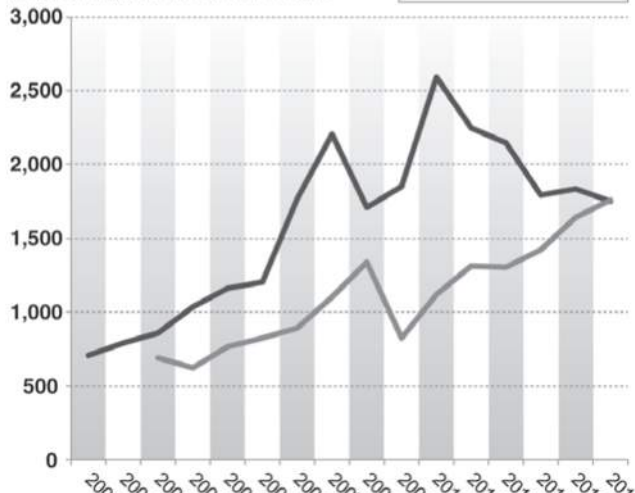
Edelman said business may be best-placed to help improve trust. Companies need to be transparent and honest with their employees about the changes taking place in the work-place, improve skills and pay fairly, he said.

The online survey was conducted between Oct. 13 and Nov. 16, 2016.

### Economic inequality

According to recent research done by OXFAM, the wealth of the world's richest individuals continues to grow while the poorest half of the world decreases

Total wealth in billions of dollars



Source: OXFAM.org  
Graphic: Tribune News Service

living wage to employees.

Max Lawson, Oxfam's policy adviser, urged billionaires to "do the right thing," and to do "what Bill Gates has called on them to do, which is

shore accounts that helped individuals shelter their wealth.

"We have a situation where billionaires are paying less tax often than their cleaner or their secretary," Lawson

# Overdrive

## Resolutions to cut bad driver behavior, make roads safer

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New cars are safer than ever, yet vehicle crashes are on the rise.

Advanced safety systems designed to minimize—if not prevent—crashes have proliferated. Yet despite technology such as forward collision breaking, traffic fatalities rose 8 percent in 2015, after years of declines due to public safety campaigns urging seat belt use and condemning driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The number of crashes and fatalities continued to increase in 2016; in the first half of the year deaths were up 9 percent over 2015, according to the National Safety Council.

Distracted driving, mainly due to cellphone use, is to blame, according to most auto safety experts. Despite laws prohibiting texting and driving in 46 states, and handheld cellphone bans in 14 states, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, enforcing it is problematic.

It's up to the driver to practice best driving habits, and most drivers, no matter how old or experienced, could benefit from revisiting safe driving habits learned in driver's education.

Meanwhile, here are some resolutions every driver can embrace to make roads safer.

### 1. Put down your phone

The temptation to quickly reply to that text or check in with work or home is greater than ever before, in keeping with the amount of information available at our fingertips. You've seen—or maybe been—that car drifting into other lanes or crawling along 15 mph under the speed limit. That seeming convenience is a major risk for a great inconvenience—an accident or worse. The safety council reports that 1 out of 4 car crashes are due to



DREAMSTIME/TNS

Cellphone use has led to more distracted driving, causing a spike in traffic fatalities. If you're driving, put the phone down.

cellphone distraction. That includes hands-free phone calls. These are not accidents—they are preventable crashes caused by driver inattention.

### 2. Wear your seat belt

It's stupefying that some people still ignore the simplest way to prevent collision fatalities. More than half of the teens and adults who died in crashes in 2014 were not wearing seat belts, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. New Hampshire—perhaps adjusting its motto to Live Free and Die in regards to seat belts—is the only state without a seat belt law. Seat belt use is proven to save lives and limit injury.

### 3. Get out of the passing lane

By our own experience, Michiganders may be the only people who

consistently follow this rule, even though it's a law in nearly every state, even New Hampshire! On highways and interstates (an argument could be made on any road, any time), move out of the left lane if you are not passing other cars, regardless of speed.

### 4. Do not tailgate

No, not the tailgating where you party in the parking lot. We're talking about following too closely, riding up someone's—umm—bumper. Not only does it cause great anxiety to the driver in front of you, which can cause them to make a quick lane change and cut off someone in another lane, it greatly reduces your reaction time and braking ability to avoid rear-end collisions. Maintain the two-second rule by setting a fixed point like a mile marker, then counting how long it

takes from the lead vehicle passing it to your vehicle passing it.

### 5. Do not brake check

Brake checking is often the overly aggressive response to overly aggressive tailgating, when the driver who is being tailgated taps on their brakes to get the tailgater to back off. It can cause the tailgating driver to swerve out of the lane or slam on their brakes, possibly losing control at relatively high speeds, endangering other drivers. Instead, cautiously move into the next opening in the adjacent lane or, if you must retaliate, squirt the wiper fluid so it spittles on their windshield.

### 6. Use your indicators

Cars communicate in a number of ways, and though they don't yet talk to each other (it's coming), there are

clear indicators about a driver's intentions. The most obvious and intentional one is the indicator. Get it? Also known as the blinker, turn signal or clicking blinking thing. Use it when changing lanes and turning so drivers can react accordingly. Don't be a cabdriver—use your indicator.

### 7. Get recalled cars fixed

Please get your car fixed. Last year, a 17-year-old in Texas rear-ended a parked car at about 15 mph. The high school senior should've walked away from the fender bender; instead she died from the inflator shrapnel in a car that had been recalled but not fixed.

Check the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website for instructions and expectations. [www.safercar.gov/rs/takata/takatalist](http://www.safercar.gov/rs/takata/takatalist)

There will be 42 million vehicles recalled for the Takata air bag fiasco, affecting 34 makes. Only 12.9 million have been fixed. It's not just Takata in this era of global parts sharing and global suppliers. Check the vehicle identification number, or VIN, through NHTSA.

### 8. If you're getting pulled over, get off the roadway

First, acknowledge the officer by turning on the right indicator and gradually slowing down. If there's no side road or parking lot to ease into, pull over to the farthest right side of the road to minimize risk from passing traffic for you and the officer. A traffic stop can be anxiety-inducing for both parties. Put the car in park, turn on the blinkers and kill the engine. Keep both hands on the wheel and don't go fidgeting for anything until the officer asks for it. If stopped at night, the Illinois secretary of state recommends turning on an interior light.

### 9. Put the phone away. Seriously. It's not worth it.

## UNDER THE HOOD

## Teenage truck having trouble with freezing winters

By BRAD BERGHOLDT  
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**Q: I've been having an ongoing problem with my 2001 Ford F-150. When the temperature's above freezing, the truck runs fine. Below 32 degrees, though, the truck runs poorly and misses.**

**I've taken it to a Ford dealership and three other shops, and none have been able to find the problem. I have changed all four oxygen sensors, the throttle indicator sensor, the fuel rail vacuum valve, and the cam shaft sensor. I've pulled the fuel rails off and blown them out clean. The injectors are fine, and I changed the fuel filter. I would really appreciate**

**ate if you could point me in the right direction.—Chuck Freeman**

**A:** Yikes!

Upon reading Chuck's inquiry, I had far more questions than answers, so I gave him a call.

He lives near Edmonton, Alberta, in Canada and was enjoying minus 30-degree weather as we spoke.

Turns out, the truck runs fine above 1,200 rpm, so that ruled out quite a few of the ideas I had been chewing on. Chuck also told me he had indeed drained and refilled the fuel tank, which more or less ruled out the possibility that water had been freezing in a fuel line, filter or other component.

Chuck had also retrieved a pair of diagnostic trouble codes (P0171 and P0174) us-

ing a basic code reader. Those codes indicate a lean air-fuel condition affecting both banks of cylinders. There were no misfire codes pointing to specific cylinders. Another observation was the truck continues to run poorly regardless of engine temperature or run time and doesn't seem to idle too slowly; it's just rough.

With this being an idle-only type of problem and the trouble codes indicating either not enough fuel or too much air, I began thinking the issue could be a vacuum leak.

Chuck told me he had replaced all the vacuum hoses, and I explained how he might seek out a leaking component gasket by dousing the intersections with a squirt bottle of water and checking for a change in performance. The

possibility of a sticking idle speed control valve was also discussed, but since the engine seems to run more rough than slow, I figured this would be a long-shot.

I also had Chuck check the hose leading from the air filter to the engine's throttle body for cracks. Air sneaking into the engine without passing through the mass airflow sensor (this part hides at the bottom of the huge air filter housing) could be an explanation for the lean condition and codes. A leaking hose or connection can also cause intermittent poor performance as the part twists and stretches due to engine movement.

After sleeping on it, it hit me: The exhaust gas recirculation, or EGR, valve on Chuck's truck might be becoming active when

it shouldn't, which can really wreak havoc on idle quality.

This vacuum-operated device is controlled by a solenoid containing a filter that bleeds away unwanted vacuum. Should the filter become dirty—or perhaps the dirt in its freezes—the EGR valve would function almost continuously. The black plastic solenoid is mounted atop the engine, and the tiny foam filter resides beneath a squeeze-unsnap plastic cap.

I called Chuck back and explained this scenario.

Since four shops have worked on his truck without success and have drained Chuck's wallet extensively, he was receptive to my suggestion of purchasing an on-board diagnostic scan tool—an Autel AL519 (\$65 on Amazon), for example—if the above checks don't pan out. Such a tool provides limited-but-useful

engine performance data and is capable of detecting issues like a flaky mass airflow sensor or other odd system inputs.

My educated guess at what's causing Chuck's issues—an overactive EGR—would be unlikely to trigger the two trouble codes he found, so using the more-advanced scan tool to observe fuel trims and the exact time at which the codes actually set could be really helpful.

A scary thought is there could be two separate conditions occurring. A fuel pressure gauge such as an Actron CP7838 (about \$45 on Amazon) would point out any possible fuel delivery issues.

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# Life & Style

## Fortunate for us: New series of 'Events' worth watching

By **ROBERT LLOYD**  
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A couple of years after “Harry Potter” got its hooks into the world, another series of books, ostensibly for children, came calling.

“A Series of Unfortunate Events,” written by Daniel Handler under the pen name Lemony Snicket, and appearing from 1999 to 2006, tells the story of the Baudelaire orphans, Violet, Klaus and Sunny, and their search for peace and security in the aftermath of their parents’ death, as the wicked Count Olaf, a self-styled “ac-tor,” attempts to steal their fortune.

In 2004, the first three of its 13 books became a feature film, “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events,” starring Jim Carrey as Count Olaf. Some fans of the books—which here means “the writer of this review, among others”—found it disappointing.

Now comes “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events,” the eight-episode Netflix series, with Neil Patrick Harris as Olaf and Patrick Warburton as Snicket, who narrates retrospectively from within the story.

I have no complaints, and only praise. The only question is whether to savor or to binge. (Professionally, I had to binge; but I would advise you to take your time.)

Executive producer Barry Sonnenfeld (“The Addams Family,” “Men in Black,” “Pushing Daisies”) directed half the episodes, with production designer Bo Welch (“Edward Scissorhands,” “Beetlejuice”) directing two of the remaining four. Masters of the modern screen fairy tale, of mixing the lifelike with the overtly theatrical, story-book aesthetics with darkened moods, they are the right people for this job, set in a milieu that is hard to fix in time, except to say it is not now.



Neil Patrick Harris as Count Olaf in “A Series Of Unfortunate Events.”

JOE LEDERER/NETFLIX

With the first four books getting two hour-long episodes apiece, there is plenty of room for banter, action and off-the-point humor, and yet it feels more dynamic than the film, for all the film’s compression. (In order, the action centers on Count Olaf’s house and theater; a herpetologist’s laboratory; a lakeside village; and a sawmill.)

Long-arc mythology I am fairly sure was not on Handler’s mind when he first put pen to paper has been retrofitted into his new adaptation.

Slipping in and out of various disguises, Harris’ Count Olaf is at once more grotesque and more banal than Carrey’s. His self-importance pierced with

melancholy, he’s a villain with the heart and habits of an annoyed and impatient teenager, a know-it-all short on information: “All of the artistic and financial aspects of my career are finally coming together like two pieces of a bread in the middle of a sandwich.”

As in most stories for young people, children must ultimately fend for themselves. The Baudelaire possess complementary talents. Violet (Malina Weissman), 14, who fiddles with things, is an inventor; 12-year-old Klaus (Louis Hynes), who loves books, handles research; and infant Sunny (Presley Smith, baby talk by Tara Strong) is the muscle, on the strength of

her four-tooth bite.

Grown-ups, when not evil, tend to be fatally distracted, or simply incompetent; Alfie Woodard, Assif Mandvi, Joan Cusack, Don Johnson, Catherine O’Hara and Rhys Davies play some of these walking obstacles. When Mr. Poe (K. Todd Freeman), the banker who minds the Baudelaire’s held-in-trust estate says, “The adults will take care of it from here,” it is a clear sign of trouble ahead.

On the page, “Series” has explicitly much to do with language and storytelling. The streaming series, which makes many literary references and then comments on its habit of dropping them, also winks at its own form.

“As an actor I think live theater is a much more powerful medium than, say, streaming television,” says Count Olaf. And also: “In all honesty I prefer long-form television to the movies; it’s so much convenient to consume entertainment from the comforts of your own home.”

As the books were presented as something you might want to avoid, the series is announced as something you might not want to watch, beginning with the title song. “Look away, look away,” Harris sings. “This show will wreck your evening, your

home life, and your day.”

“From the beginning of this miserable tale to the last melancholy scene,” says Snicket, “I cannot think of a single line, a single word that does not chill me to my deepest bones.”

This is not just whistling Dixie. Although basically comic, and not without moments of beauty and relief, the series is a dream in which you escape one trap only to fall into another, elude your pursuer only to find him somehow before you, and where hope springs eternal only so it can be eternally snatched away. But you should watch it, anyway, and take your time.

## With no action heroes, Madoff movie landed at HBO

**PASADENA, Calif.** (AP)—Makers of an upcoming HBO movie on Bernard Madoff initially wanted to make a feature film for theaters but quickly realized that today’s movie industry had little interest in an intricate tale about a financial swindle.

Major studios have their sights set on action heroes or comic books. An independent studio would have required a time-consuming effort to raise money and less exposure, said Jane Rosenthal, executive producer of

“The Wizard of Lies,” on Saturday. The film, with Robert DeNiro in the starring role, debuts in May.

“As screens are all blurring and ... the business is so radically changing, this was the best place to make the film and to ensure that we would have an amazing audience for it,” she said.

The film is based on a book by the same title by Diana Henriques, who advised HBO. Filmmakers said it differs from other projects on the Madoff case, like an ABC

miniseries, in that it delves more into what happened with his family.

“What he did is beyond my comprehension,” DeNiro said. “So there’s a disconnect somehow in him that I still would like to understand. I did the best I could, but I don’t understand ... The only things I do feel strongly about is that he didn’t tell his kids and he didn’t tell his wife. But everyone around him probably had an idea. They just didn’t want to look too deeply because they knew something

wasn’t quite right.”

Henriques, a financial reporter, had used Madoff as a source in the years before his Ponzi scheme was uncovered, and trusted him back then.

She said it was a strange experience seeing DeNiro totally inhabit the character. At one point, director Barry Levinson thought of having Henriques, who had conducted jailhouse interviews with Madoff, improvise by interviewing DeNiro as if he were Madoff. Some of that ended up in the film.

## Quaker group marks centennial with ‘Waging Peace’ exhibit

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—The American Friends Service Committee is celebrating 100 years of nonviolent activism with an exhibition, “Waging Peace,” that showcases the group’s accomplishments while also illustrating work that remains to be done.

General Secretary Shan Cretin hopes both aspects of the exhibit inspire visitors.

“We don’t want to just be looking backward, (but) a lot of the issues that are so urgent today—how we treat immigrants, racial justice issues—are issues we have been working on for

nearly our entire history,” Cretin said. “We don’t believe peace is a destination. We believe it’s a path. We always have to be working toward peace and justice in our lives.”

Founded by Quakers during World War I, the organization has been promoting peace and justice as an expression of faith in action. The centennial exhibit, on display at the African American Museum of Philadelphia through April 30, is divided into four categories: “Ending Discrimination,” “Addressing Prisons,” “Just Economies,” and “Immigrants Rights.”

**SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.** (AP)—Bob Dylan would surely still recognize the low-ceilinged room in Caffè Lena where he played a couple of gigs almost 60 years ago.

But just about everything else about a venue that bills itself as the nation's oldest continuously operating coffeehouse has undergone some major upgrades as part of a \$2 million renovation project bankrolled in part by folk music performers themselves.

Dylan performed twice there early in his career, when the young singer born in Minnesota as Robert Zimmerman was just making his way onto New York City's folk scene. The same brown wooden shutters bracket the windows and the same exposed brick wall provides background for the corner where he sang and played acoustic guitar during weekend performances in 1961 and '62.

But the old plank floor worn smooth by countless tapping feet is gone, replaced by a new hardwood version. The narrow staircase leading to the second-floor venue also has been replaced, as has the small stage, sound system, kitchen and restrooms. Seating has been boosted from 85 to about 105, and wine and beer are be-



## Repaired and ready: Venue where a young Dylan played reopens

ing served for the first time in the venerable coffeehouse's history.

Yet when the newly installed lighting dims and the night's performer hits the first chord, Caffè Lena still

has the intimate setting that generations of musicians and folk music fans have come to revere.

"It's a legendary place," said Jeff Place, archivist for Smithsonian Folkways, the

nonprofit record label of the Smithsonian Institution. "For singer-songwriters, playing there is like playing Carnegie Hall for classical musicians."

Caffè Lena recently reopened after being closed for

six months for the renovations. Performances were moved to other nearby venues in Saratoga Springs, the famous resort and thoroughbred racing town 165 miles north of New York City. Under a philanthropic

partnership with a local developer, the organization turned over its adjacent small parking lot to the builder, who's constructing a four-story building that will house condos and retail businesses.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Donald Trump proved you could ride reality TV fame to the White House. Former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner proved that having a film crew around can just compound the embarrassment of a political freefall.

Now, a young Republican is following in their footsteps by allowing a documentary film crew to shadow him as he considers a run this year to unseat New York City's mayor, Democrat Bill de Blasio.

Eric Ulrich, a 31-year-old city councilman who favors rights to abortion and gay marriage, has yet to declare his candidacy in what could be an uphill battle on overwhelmingly Democratic turf.

The unscripted show recording the realities of the politician's daily life would probably air before the Nov. 7, 2017, election—if it gets picked up by a television network in time. The New York-based company making the show, Left/Right, which produced "Mob Wives" for VH1 and other programs for Showtime, AMC and the History Channel, is still shopping it around.

"It's a great gimmick, but we're in a new world of communication. Look at Trump," said political analyst Mickey Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "The basic point is, attention is good for politicians."

Ulrich is in his second term

## 'Reality TV' campaigning is part of new political world



In this 1960 file photo provided by the Joe Alper Photo Collection LLC, patrons gather inside Caffè Lena, opened by Lena Spencer in 1960, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

representing parts of New York's borough of Queens. He is one of only three Republicans among 51 City Council members. In 2014, against de Blasio's opposition, he introduced a bill to create the city's Department

of Veterans' Services.

Earlier this month, Left/Right producers Brad Trackman and Johnny Russo shot two days of Ulrich's activities for a "sizzle reel" that television networks can see for possible purchase.

Quinnipiac's Carroll says such documentaries are part of a dramatically changing world from the time when political and news organizations delivered what he calls "neat and compartmentalized" information about candidates.

"Now, forget it. People make their own rules. It's all over the place, and you might as well get used to it," said Carroll, noting that success is gauged by the number of social media hits.

Campaign documentaries

have been linked to both victory and defeat.

Cory Booker's 2002 run for mayor of Newark, New Jersey, against Sharpe James is captured in the 2005 Oscar-nominated film titled "Street Fight," whose searing scenes of raw politics weren't forgotten when he campaigned for a U.S. Senate seat and won in 2013.

The same year in New York, a camera trailed Weiner, a Democrat, as he campaigned for mayor. That documentary chronicled, in deeply personal detail, the embarrassing end to his political career following a series of lewd tweets to women.

Democratic political analyst Doug Muzzio said a reality show can be an effective stump tool.

"I think that if done right, it shows a candidate in unguarded moments," he said. "You could get a feel for the character; it tells a story and it highlights the character in a way that almost any other medium just can't do."

Ulrich's wife and 4-year-old daughter may appear before the camera in Ulrich's politically conservative section of Queens.

"Eric is a solid guy, but I can't see him being a formidable mayoral candidate," said Muzzio, who knows him from Baruch College, where he teaches and where the councilman received a master's degree.

# 'Hidden Figures' keeps orbit at top; Affleck, Scorsese flop

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Labors of love, one from Martin Scorsese, the other from Ben Affleck, proved costly at a casualty strewn weekend box office where the uplifting NASA drama "Hidden Figures" stayed on top for the second straight week.

"Hidden Figures," about African-American mathematicians in the 1960s space race, sold a leading \$20.5 million in tickets in North American theaters over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday weekend, according to estimates Sunday. Fox anticipates the film, starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae, will make \$25.3 million when Monday is included, bringing its cumulative total to about \$60 million.

The weekend was more remarkable for what didn't work than what did. Both Affleck's period gangster thriller "Live by Night" and Scorsese's Christian epic "Silence" bombed in their wide-release debuts. Warner Bros.' "Live by Night," adapted from Dennis Lehane's novel, earned a mere \$5.4 million in 2,471 theaters. Paramount's "Silence," from Susaku Endo's novel of 17th century Jesuit priests in Japan, took in \$1.9 million in 747 theaters.

Both were high-profile projects that each filmmaker used their considerable sway to get made.

"Live by Night" was Affleck's directorial follow-up to the best-picture winning "Argo." Written, directed and starring Affleck, it cost \$90 million to make, though rebates and tax incentives lowered its budget to \$65 million. But critics said "Live by Night" was a step backward for Affleck, who spent much of his publicity campaign fending off questions about his plans to direct a stand-alone Batman film



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This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows Taraji P. Henson as Katherine Johnson, center, in a scene from "Hidden Figures."

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Britain's Prince Charles co-authors a book on climate change

**LONDON** (AP)—Penguin Books says Prince Charles has co-authored a book on climate change together with an environmentalist and a Cambridge scientist. The Prince of Wales, long a critic of man-made climate change, wrote the book "Climate Change" with Tony Juniper, a former Friends of the Earth director, and Emily Shuckburgh, a Cambridge University climate scientist.

The book launched Sunday is part of Ladybird book series, which traditionally targeted children but has recently expanded to a broader audience. It uses the original style of a picture book but offers adults "bite-sized understanding on a sometimes challenging subject." Other books in the range include works on evolution and on quantum mechanics.

The work's front cover is a drawing of flooding in Uckfield, in southeast England, which occurred in October 2000.

### John Lewis books sell out on Amazon day after Trump's tweets

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Two of John Lewis' books have sold out on Amazon after the Democratic congressman claimed the top spots on the retailer's best-seller list. Sales of the civil rights leader's graphic novel "March" and his 2015 memoir "Walking With the Wind" skyrocketed following his feud with President-elect Donald Trump over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. After

Lewis questioned the legitimacy of Trump's victory, Trump tweeted that the 16-term Georgia representative "should spend more time on fixing and helping his district." Support for Lewis among Democrats sent sales of his most popular books soaring late Saturday and early Sunday. A collection of his "March" trilogy ranked no. 1 on Amazon, and its individual volumes also charted high. "Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement" ranked number two.

1. "Hidden Figures," \$20.5 million.
2. "La La Land," \$14.5 million (\$17.8 million international).
3. "Sing," \$13.8 million (\$13.2 million international).
4. "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," \$13.8 million (\$21.9 million international).
5. "The Bye Bye Man," \$13.4 million (\$1.3 million international).
6. "Patriots Day," \$12 million (\$1.3 million international).
7. "Monster Trucks," \$10.5 million (\$4 million international).
8. "Sleepless," \$8.5 million.
9. "Underworld: Blood Wars," \$5.8 million (\$1.4 million international).
10. "Passengers," \$5.6 million (\$32.5 million international).

## Mom and ex at loggerheads over daughter's cellphone

**DEAR ABBY:** I bought my 11-year-old daughter a cellphone. My ex does not approve. We have been divorced for six years, and he still can't get over it. He despises me. He refuses to listen to why I want her to have a cellphone.

While I want her to be responsible with it, I realize she will make mistakes—which she already has by being on her phone too much. (It has been taken away from her once.) I want her to carry the phone with her in case of emergencies. If it is confiscated at school, her dad will no doubt tell me, "I told you so."

Should I abide by his wishes and not allow her to have the phone, or do you think my points are valid?

MOM WITH PHONE ISSUE

**DEAR MOM:** Wanting your daughter to have the cellphone in case of emergency seems valid to me. If you are her custodial parent, I think that prerogative belongs to you.

But I do have a question: Who took the phone away from your daughter? If you did it because she was abusing the privilege, then she will learn her lesson if you are consistent. If a teacher takes it away from her at school, there should be consequences and you should ensure that they are enforced.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have an unusual problem. I'm very acci-

dent-prone. Over the past several years I have been in a cast many times, sometimes for long periods. My friends constantly tease me about it when what I'd really appreciate is a little compassion and maybe a little help while I am recovering. How do I let these people know that their teasing is hurtful?

WENDY IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR WENDY:** If you have been in a cast "many times" over the past few years, your friends may be suffering from compassion fatigue. If their making light of your predicament is hurting your feelings, you have to tell them so. And while you're at it, tell them what you DO need from them.

On a slightly different note, don't you think it's time to determine why you are so accident-prone? Is it clumsiness? Poor vision? Discuss this with your medical provider, because he or she might advise neurological testing, or even some sessions with a licensed mental health professional. Please consider this advice.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a healthy, somewhat older lady with a reasonable appetite who unfortunately sleeps alone. Consequently, I have a few toys to help me on sleepless nights. One of my biggest worries, however, is that if I should expire and my loved ones discover my toy collection after my demise, they

## DEAR ABBY

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will be shocked.

I don't want to give up my toys, but I am worried about what my loved ones will think of me should I cease to exist before my appetite decreases. Surely one of these days it will. But in the meantime, what happens if I die and they discover my secret?

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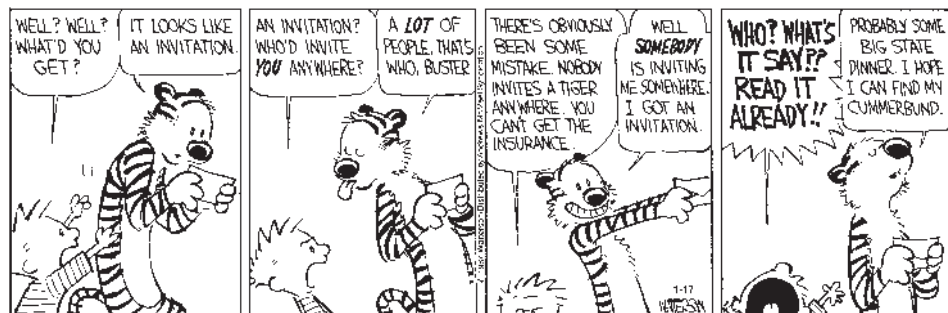
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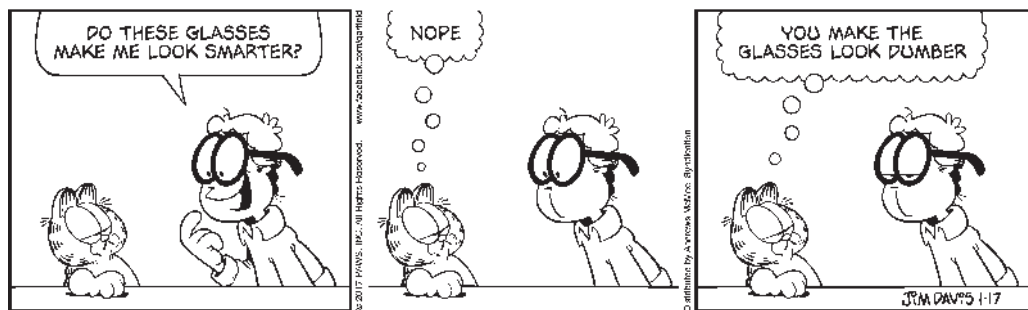
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Yesterday's answer 1-17

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Zoëy Deschanel, 37; Maksim Chmerkovskiy, 37; Jim Carrey, 55; Betty White, 95.

**Happy Birthday:** Relate back to unusual people, events or circumstances you faced throughout your growing years, and it will help eliminate doubt and uncertainty regarding medical, financial or contractual matters. Being surefooted will show others how readily you are able to get things done. Handle relationships that need an adjustment by offering incentives and your expectations will be met. Your numbers are 3, 11, 23, 27, 34, 38, 43.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Show compassion. Speaking up, criticizing or complaining will not bring the results you hope for. Don't let emotional matters infiltrate into the way you do your job or how you handle others. Take time to reflect before you challenge someone or something. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Refuse to let yours or someone else's emotions interfere with what you are trying to accomplish. Be strong and show tenacity when faced with distractions or opposition. What you do will make a difference and could bring you accolades. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Pick up the slack and make a point to take care of business. Dealing with relationships will be easy if you are honest about the way you feel and recognize the way you are being treated. Make a difference. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Put more effort into work and consider how you can use your skills and knowledge to

get ahead. Don't let anyone use emotional tactics on you. Use your intelligence and you will prosper. \*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Look for a way to advance instead of wasting your time opposing people who don't see things your way. It's what you do that will make a difference. An opportunity will change the way you move forward. \*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Good fortune will come through the connections you make while networking, going in for interviews or traveling. Express your ideas and strategy to ensure success and you will gain popularity and support. Don't make unreasonable promises or financial contributions. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your emotions will make decisions difficult. Take a step back and decide exactly what you want to do, and what the best way is to reach your goals with the least amount of interference. Preparation and organization will be key. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Put in the time and effort to do something nice for someone special. Your help will lead to ideas and an expansion of what you can do to bring in higher revenue. Explore your options and don't limit yourself. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Anger will not solve your problems. Look for solutions and make suggestions. Your ability to compromise and work alongside others will help you avoid being left out or treated poorly. Someone you help out will influence your life. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stick to the rules, but don't be afraid to do things differently. As long as you stay within your boundaries, you will stand out and give others something to think about. Show your capabilities and make your expectations perfectly clear. \*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Show discipline when handling money matters. Hang on to your cash regardless of the pressure put on you to spend. Ignore the temptations of those who are being frivolous and carefree. Don't feel the need to donate or pay for others. \*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Emotional situations will surface. Do your best to find solutions, but don't let anyone get away with treating you disrespectfully. Don't make assumptions—look at the facts and do what needs to be done. \*\*\*

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By Dave Green

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# Clutch Rodgers leads Packers past Cowboys, 34-31



ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Aaron Rodgers didn't need another Hail Mary

this time.

Maybe just call it a "Half Mary."

Rodgers threw a 36-yard pass to a toe-dragging Jared Cook on the sideline, and Mason Crosby kicked a 51-yard field goal on the next play as time expired, sending the Packers to the NFC championship game with their eighth straight win while thwarting a Dallas rally in a 34-31 victory in the divisional round of the playoffs Sunday.

The throw on the run from Rodgers to Cook came on third-and-20 with 12 seconds left, and after the Cowboys tied the score twice in the final 4:08 after trailing by 18 in the first half and by 15 to start the fourth quarter.

"I love the opportunity to go out there and make plays," said Rodgers, who threw for two touchdowns to give him 21 during the winning streak, although he threw his first interception during the run.

"I was disappointed we had a chance there at 28-13 to go up three scores and make it really difficult for 'em and I threw a pick there on third down. We were able to come down and have two good drives toward the end of the game."

Dallas' rally was led by rookie sensations Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott in their playoff debuts, and the first two career postseason touchdown catches for star receiver Dez Bryant along with the first for 14th-year tight end Jason Witten.

"We're not going to stop no matter what the score is, no matter the game," Prescott said. "It shows the true character of this team."

Crosby's winner was the third field goal of more than 50 yards in the final 1:33—two from Crosby and one from Dallas' Dan Bailey. And Crosby had to make the winner twice after Dallas coach Jason Garrett called timeout before the first attempt.

"It's kind of a blur right now," Crosby said. "When we have 35 seconds on the clock and that our offense can move the ball into field goal range and a manageable kick, that's just special."

Rodgers, who sparked last week's wild-card win over the New York Giants with another Hail Mary before half-time, is headed to an MVP showdown with Atlanta's Matt Ryan next Sunday.

It will be Rodgers' third NFC title game—all on the road for Green Bay (12-6)—and he got there in his first



game at the home of the Cowboys since he won his only title as the Super Bowl MVP

six years ago.

Cook, who had six catches for a team-leading 104 yards,

kept both feet inbounds with a knee just above the ground out of bounds on the decisive

play. The play was confirmed on review.

"I saw him rolling to the

AP  
Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby (2) watches his 51-yard field goal to win the game as time expires during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

right it was underneath coverage in front of me," Cook said. "If I got over the top of them, Aaron would put the ball in the right place. Put it right on the sideline with enough room to get my feet down. It was a heck of a throw by him."

Prescott, whose 11-game winning streak during the regular season sent Tony Romo to the bench when he returned from a preseason back injury, rallied the Cowboys in a way that probably made Dallas' 10-year starter proud.

The Cowboys (13-4) almost became the third team in the Super Bowl era to win in the playoffs after trailing by 15 in the fourth. The first was Dallas in 1972, when "Captain Comeback", Roger Staubach, rallied the Cowboys in San Francisco.

Instead, top-seeded Dallas ended up with its fifth straight loss in the divisional round and a 21-year drought in trips to the NFC championship game.

In the same position nine years ago, the Cowboys lost to the New York Giants, the biggest disappointment of Romo's tenure.

"I thought we were a team that was capable of taking this thing all the way," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "I know we are now after that second half."

Prescott—a fourth-round pick who was supposed to be the No. 3 quarterback before injuries changed everything—got Dallas' rally going with a 40-yard touchdown toss in the first half to Bryant, the first playoff TD for the star receiver.

Then he set the stage for the first tying score on a 6-yarder to Jason Witten to get within 28-20.

After a 7-yard scoring pass to Bryant—who had nine catches for 132 yards—Prescott ran in the tying 2-point conversion with 4:08 to go.

Rodgers led the Packers to a go-ahead 56-yard field goal from Crosby with a big boost on a pass interference penalty against rookie Anthony Brown that wiped out an interception from Jeff Heath, whose pick earlier in the game helped Dallas rally.

The Cowboys answered with a 52-yarder from Bailey with 35 seconds remaining.

## Steelers hold off Chiefs on Boswell's 6 field goals, 18-16

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Who needs to reach the end zone when you have Le'Veon Bell chewing up yards and the clock, and Chris Boswell setting an NFL playoff record with six field goals?

Throw in a stingy Pittsburgh defense for most of Sunday night, and a multitude of mistakes by Kansas City, and the Steelers' 18-16 victory sent them into the AFC championship game.

The Steelers (13-5) needed to hold off a last-ditch threat by the Chiefs (12-5) before advancing to face New England next Sunday night for a spot in the Super Bowl. The Patriots won at Pittsburgh 27-16, but Ben Roethlisberger was injured and didn't play.

"I think it's going to be a showdown," Bell said. "Two great quarterbacks going head to head. Two of the best teams in the AFC. It's time to settle it next week."

Since 2001, the Patriots and Steelers have combined to win nine AFC titles.

Spencer Ware's 1-yard touchdown run took Kansas City within 18-16. The

Chiefs at first converted the 2-pointer to tie it, but tackle Eric Fisher - the first overall selection in the 2013 draft - was penalized for holding. The next try failed.

With 2:43 remaining, Justin Gilbert misplayed the kick return and was tackled at the Pittsburgh 5. Roethlisberger hit Antonio Brown for 7 yards on third down and Pittsburgh then ran out the clock, securing a ninth straight victory for the Steelers. The Chiefs have not won a home playoff game since 1994, losing five in a row.

The scoring started furiously in the opening minutes, then the game became a kicking exhibition by Boswell, who also had six field goals in the regular season against Cincinnati. And Bell put on a virtuoso running performance, patiently finding holes and then exploding through them. He added a team-record 170 yards rushing to the 167 he had in a win over Miami last week.

"The coaches put a lot of trust in me to get the job done," Bell said of his 30 carries. "Just run hard. Just picked my spots where I

could and run hard."

The Steelers became first team to win a playoff game without a TD since eventual Super Bowl champion Indianapolis in the 2006 AFC divisional round at Baltimore.

Using a no-huddle attack almost to perfection early on, the Steelers drove deep into Kansas City territory. But they bogged down inside the 5 and Boswell made a 22-yard field goal.

The Chiefs were just as efficient on a six-play march capped by receiver Albert Wilson lining up in the backfield, then slipping uncovered into the end zone for a 5-yard score.

Pittsburgh's answer came on a 52-yard heave to All-Pro Brown, who somehow was covered by linebacker Justin Houston. That led to Boswell's second field goal, a 38-yarder. He added a 36-yarder to cap a 14-play drive on which Pittsburgh again barely huddled.

A clean game up until then turned to, well, turnovers, on successive series. Bud Dupree pounded Alex Smith, whose pass shot high into the

air and was caught by linebacker Ryan Shazier.

The Steelers got to the Kansas City 5, where Frank Zombo leaped to deflect Roethlisberger's throw, and All-Pro safety Eric Berry—burned for 26 yards on the previously play—picked it off in the end zone.

Boswell's fourth field goal, from 45 yards, made it 12-7 at the half. His 43-yarder, setting the franchise record for a postseason game and tying the league mark of five, came on Pittsburgh's first series of the second half. A 43-yarder midway in the fourth quarter gave Boswell the NFL record.

"It's just about doing my job," Boswell said. "Coming out here, put it through the yellow pipes. Don't really think too much. Don't think like I'm the guy or anything. I'm just doing my job and doing my one-eleventh for the team."

Kansas City's Cairo Santos got in on the kicking act with a 48-yarder to make it 15-10. At that point, 10 seconds from the end of the third quarter, the Chiefs were outgained 333 yards to 150.

# Rockets beat Nets, Thunder defeat Kings



**NEW YORK** (AP)—James Harden had 22 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists in his 12th triple-double of the season as the Houston Rockets easily ended their first losing streak of the season by beating the Brooklyn Nets 137-112 on Sunday night.

Held to 105 points in losses to Minnesota and Memphis, the Rockets bounced back to hand the Nets their 10th straight loss.

Eric Gordon led the Rockets with 24 points and Trevor Ariza added 23. Houston made 21 3-pointers and had five players with at least 16 points.

Trevor Booker scored 18 points for the Nets, who were still without Jeremy Lin (strained left hamstring) on the night they gave out his bobblehead and also rested Brook Lopez.

## Thunder 122, Kings 118

In Sacramento, California, Russell Westbrook had 36 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for his 20th triple-double of the season as Oklahoma City beat Sacramento.

Westbrook had 19 triple-doubles last season. He entered averaging a triple-double and is trying to match Hall of Fame guard Oscar Robertson as the only NBA player to average a triple-double for a full season.

Enes Kanter had 29 points and 12 rebounds for the Thunder.

DeMarcus Cousins had 31 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Kings, who have lost two straight and five of six.

## Raptors 116, Knicks 101

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan had 23 points while Norman Powell added 21 as Toronto used a dominant third quarter to beat New York.

DeRozan also had five rebounds and five assists before coming out late in the third quarter. Toronto outscored New York 27-8 in the third to take a 96-62 lead.

The Raptors improved to 27-13, taking the lead for good late in the first quarter. They led by 38 points in the third in winning their third straight game overall and fifth in a row against the Knicks.

DeMarre Carroll added 20 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 12 points and 16 rebounds.

Carmelo Anthony led the Knicks with 18 points, Justin Holiday had 17, and Derrick Rose added 16. The Knicks are 2-10 in their last 12 to drop to 18-23.

## Hawks 111, Bucks 98

In Atlanta, Kent Bazemore



AP  
Houston Rockets' James Harden, second from right, passes through Brooklyn Nets defenders during the second half of the NBA basketball game at the Barclays Center, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017 in New York.

scored 24 points while Mike Dunleavy added 20 as Atlanta beat Milwaukee for its eighth victory in nine games.

Dunleavy, in his second game since arriving in a trade last week with Cleveland, had his first 20-point performance since a first-round playoff game for Chicago on April 30, 2015.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 33 points for Milwaukee.

## Pistons 102, Lakers 97

In Los Angeles, Tobias Harris scored 23 points and hit a decisive 3-pointer with 30.5 seconds to play as Detroit snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Los Angeles.

Marcus Morris scored 23 points and Andre Drummond had 15 points and 17 rebounds for the Pistons. They wrapped up their longest trip of the season by beating the Lakers at Sta-

ples Center for the first time in seven tries since Nov. 14, 2008.

Detroit barely hung on down the stretch of a back-and-forth game with the Lakers, who lost their fourth straight despite 26 points from Lou Williams.

## Mavericks 98, Timberwolves 87

In Dallas, Wesley Matthews scored 19 points and Dirk

Nowitzki added 17 to help Dallas beat Minnesota.

J.J. Barea scored 15 points for Dallas, and Deron Williams had 13 points and 10 assists. Gorgui Dieng had 21 points, and Andrew Wiggins added 19 for the Timberwolves.

## Bulls 108, Grizzlies 104

In Memphis, Tennessee, Doug McDermott scored a career-

high 31 points while Jimmy Butler had a pair of key baskets in the closing minute as Chicago beat Memphis.

The Bulls broke a 104-all tie with 25 seconds left on a 15-footer from Butler and a pair of free throws by McDermott. Butler also had a go-ahead 18-footer with 53 seconds left and finished with 16 points to help Chicago win its second straight.

# Venus advances, Halep out on Australian Open's first day

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (AP)—Venus Williams went onto Rod Laver Arena right after Shelby Rogers' upset win over fourth-seeded Simona Halep, a result which sent the former French Open finalist out in the first round of the Australian Open again.

Back-to-back first-round exits at the season's first major was not how Williams planned to mark her 73rd Grand Slam tournament.

The 36-year-old Williams made it two wins from two for American women on the center court at Melbourne Park on the first day, twice rallying from a break down in the first set to beat Kateryna Kozlova 7-6 (5), 7-5.

The seven-time major winner lost in the first round of the Australian Open last year to eventual semifinalist Johanna Konta. Despite her 48 unforced errors, Williams made a more positive start this time.

"It's never easy playing the first round—you're just trying to find the rhythm," Williams said. "She played amazing. It's very satisfying to get through a match against an opponent who is on fire."

Rogers caused the first upset of the tournament, and did it on the center court, with her 6-3, 6-1 win over Halep.

Playing just her second main draw match ever at the Australian Open, the No. 52-ranked Rogers broke the 2014 French Open finalist's serve four times. It was the second year in a row that Halep lost in the first round at Melbourne Park, and the fourth time overall.

Rogers made a surprising run to the French Open quarterfinals before losing to eventual champion Garbine Muguruza last year, when she was ranked No. 108, but only advanced to the second round at one other tournament in 2016.

Her only previous win against a top 10 player was in 2014, when she beat then No. 8-ranked Eugenie Bouchard in Montreal, but the run at Roland Garros gave her confidence.

"The biggest thing I took away from that was just that I can compete with the top players in the world and I'm good enough," Rogers said. "So I have definitely carried that away from the French Open and just been enjoying it a little bit. There has been a lot of positive feedback, which has been nice."

Halep, a two-time quarterfinalist in Australia, said she'd been hampered by pain in her left knee that was compounded by the pressure of the match.

"Definitely (Rogers) played well. I think she played very high standard," Halep said. "She was aggressive, and she hit very strong."

Seventh-seeded Muguruza

saved a set point in the first set, needed a medical timeout and had to fend off three break-point chances at 1-4 in the second set before advancing with a 7-5, 6-4 win over Marina Erakovic.

Olympic gold medalist Monica Puig raced through her opening match, beating Patricia Tig 6-0, 6-1, and No. 20 Zhang Shuai and No. 27 Irina-Camelia Begu also advanced.

Australian teenager Destanee Aiava's milestone match ended in a 6-3, 7-6 (4) loss to German qualifier Mona Barthel. The 16-year-old Melbourne high school student became the first player born in this millennium to play a main draw match at a major.

In two all-U.S. matches, Samantha Crawford defeated Lauren Davis 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 and Alison Riske beat Madison Brengle 7-5, 6-3.

Two other seeded players lost early women's matches, with Varvara Lepchenko beating No. 19 Kiki Bertens 7-5, 7-6 (5) and former No. 1-ranked Jelena Jankovic beating No. 26 Laura Siegemund 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.

On the men's side, fifth-seeded Kei Nishikori needed 3 hours, 34 minutes to beat Andrey Kuznetsov 7-5, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (6), 6-2.

There were two early retirements. No. 10-seeded Tomas Berdych, the 2010 Wimbledon finalist, was leading 6-1 when Luca Vanni retired from their match, and Jeremy Chardy was leading 4-0 when Nicolas Almagro retired with an injured right calf muscle in the first set.

No. 27 Bernard Tomic and No. 29 Viktor Troicki advanced along with No. 31 Sam Querrey, who beat Quentin Halys 6-7 (10), 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-4, and Ryan Harrison.



# Thomas caps off record week with trophy at Sony Open

**HONOLULU (AP)**—One last putt. One more record. And two unforgettable weeks in Hawaii for Justin Thomas.

Thomas began the Sony Open with a 15-foot eagle putt on his final hole to shoot 59. He ended it Sunday with a two-putt birdie from 60 feet that gave him yet another entry in the PGA Tour record book for the lowest 72-hole score in history.

His final act was to stand before the members of Waialae Country Club, champagne flute in hand for the traditional toast. Thomas chugged it down, smiled and said to them, “I think I had a glass with a hole in it.”

Bottoms up, kid. The 23-year-old from Kentucky gave the best glimpse yet of his potential with a game that was at times overpowering and never more efficient. He closed with a 5-under 65 for a seven-shot victory, which gave him as much satisfaction as his score of 253 to set the record.

Thomas, who won the CIMB Classic in Malaysia last fall, became only the third player since 1970 to win three times in his first five tournaments to start a PGA Tour season. The others were Tiger Woods (three times) and Johnny Miller (twice).

His victory came one week



**AP**  
Justin Thomas kisses the trophy after winning the Sony Open golf tournament Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017, in Honolulu.



after he won the SBS Tournament of Champions by three weeks at Kapalua.

“It’s been an unbelievable week. Unforgettable,” Thomas said before going to sign his historic card.

Thomas was more nervous than ever when he arrived Sunday from endless mentions that no one had ever lost a seven-shot lead on the PGA Tour. No one got closer than five shots all day, and with four birdies in a five-hole stretch around the turn, Thomas took aim at the record book.

That was his only real challenge Sunday.

Tommy Armour held the company taught Saipan players the fundamentals of base running and fielding.

“We’ve been teaching our players the same mechanics in batting and hearing similar tips from the pros makes our young sluggers understand more the proper way of swinging the bat,” said SBL official Tony Rogolifoi, who coordinated the clinic with the Japanese Consulate Office on Saipan.

“We would like to thank the Japanese Consulate Office on Saipan and Mr. Toshio Matsumuro for making this clinic possible and for intro-

ducing these pros to us,” Rogolifoi said. The pros, according to their coordinator A.J. Taniguchi, are on Saipan for personal training. They’ve been frequent visitors of the island as the weather is best for their winter training.

“They train here before going back to Japan to join their teams for a camp. They are preparing for the new season, which will begin at the end of March. They were glad to be able to meet the local players and share with them their knowledge about baseball,” Taniguchi said.

Rose beat out Jordan Spieth, who also was playing for second place. Spieth shot 63 and

finished alone in third. The first full-field event of the year on the PGA Tour was a one-man show.

“He’s got full control of his game, full confidence, and he’s executing under pressure,” Spieth said. “It’s a lot of fun to see. Certainly stuff that myself and a lot of our peers have seen going back almost 10 years now. He’s certainly showing the world what he’s capable of.”

Thomas joined Ernie Els in 2003 as the only players to sweep Hawaii, and this performance might have been even better. Thomas was 49-under par for his two weeks, com-

pared with Els at 47 under.

He said on Friday that he hasn’t “shown the world my best golf.” He came pretty close these last two weeks.

“I’m not going to sit here and tell you I’m playing OK,” Thomas said. “I would take the golf I played the last few weeks every week I play.”

He moved to No. 8 in the world.

Thomas, thinking more about the trophy and another record when he started the final round, took no chances early on. He was 1 over through seven holes, making a soft bogey with a three-putt from 45 feet on No. 4 and a tough par save on No. 6, and still no one got closer than five shots.

But when he poured in a 20-foot birdie putt on the eighth, Thomas shifted into another gear. That was the start of four birdies in five holes—the exception was a birdie putt he missed from just inside 10 feet—and he stretched his lead to as many as nine shots.

Waialae was vulnerable all week with not much wind, fast fairways and greens that were softer than usual. Thomas pro-

duced the eighth sub-60 round in PGA Tour history Thursday. Kevin Kisner had a shot at 59 on Saturday until missing a 9-foot eagle putt on his final hole. And on Sunday, Chez Reavie made a hole-in-one with a 6-iron on the 17th hole that gave him a shot at a sub-60 round. Only a bogey on the sixth hole (he started on No. 10) stopping him, and he had to settle for a 61. That matched the third-best score of the week.

## U16 DIVISION First Game

**Ol’Aces 2 63** – Ichihara 18, Ngirarois 12, Quitugua 7, Deleon Guerrero 6, Johnny 4, Santos 4, Reyes 4, Pangelinan 4, Lizama 2.

**Rollers 2 38** – Duenas 18, Je. Agulto 5, Borja 5, Fabia 3, Fitial 3, T. Factor 3, Ja. Agulto 1.

**Scoring by halves:** 36-18, 63-38.

## Second Game

**MHS 48** – Abejo 13, Manalo 12, Tenorio 7, Sagum 6, Angelo 2, Calayag 2, Zhang 2, Agustin 2, Reyes 2, Prado 1.

**Rollers 1 37** – Kisa 8, Cobacha 7, Tengco 6, Hudkins 6, Factor 5, Richardson 4, Pangelinan 1.

**Scoring by halves:** 20-21, 48-37.

## WOMEN’S DIVISION

**CTSI 42** – Castillo 12, Kautz 7, Alferos 6, J. Alegre 5, Espinosa 4, M. Alegre 4, Camacho 4.

**QQ Rent A Car 14** – Han 8, Paraiso 2, Chinen 2, Borja 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 28-2, 42-14.

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lege, if not in the pro league,” said Taishi Ohta through an interpreter.

Ohta capped the clinic with a series of power hits. He did not stop swinging until he made the over-the-fence homer, which drew cheers from Saipan players. Ohta used to play for the Yomiuri Giants—the former team of 2013 ALCS MVP Koji Uehara of the Chicago Cubs.

Besides hitting, Ohta, who is now with Nippon, and

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semifinals, respectively.

Coume started her streak with a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Goss. She then had a similar straight sets victory over Cassie Fleming, 6-2, 6-0, to advance to the semifinals of the upper half of the draw. In the semis, Coume rallied past Lara Wighton, 5-7, 6-3, 10-3, to move into the title game and avenge the quarterfinal defeat of her sister. Conatsu earlier edged Roxanne Lillico, 6-0, 6-1, before falling short against Wighton, 6-2, 6-7, 5-10, at the top half of the draw.

At the bottom half, Miyawaki eliminated Milosis, 6-2,

6-0, and stunned No. 8 seed Laura Peart, 6-1, 6-1, to march into the semifinals. Pandurevic then snapped Miyawaki’s streak and foiled an all-CNMI finale after prevailing in the semifinals, 6-1, 6-3. However, Pandurevic’s run also ended when Coume took only two sets to beat her Australian foe and win the consolation draw.

With Coume’s title, the CNMI got three championship trophies in the Land Down Under as Ji Min Woo earlier ruled the boys U12 consolation draw in the Margaret Court Cup.

Woo also played in the 2017 Victorian Junior Grasscourt Championships and made it to the semifinals of the consolation draw. He bowed to Filip

Sormaz in the main draw, 5-7, 1-6, but won his next three matches to boost his bid for a second title in the consolation draw. The Grace Christian Academy student ousted Jack Bassett, 6-0, 6-1; Flynn Caruana, 6-2, 5-7, 10-5; and No. 3 seed Brian Capalnear, 7-6, 6-4, to gain a semis entry. In the Final Four, Woo played an extended game before losing to eventual champion Finn Barber, 5-4, 1-4, 7-10.

With Woo and company done with their two tournaments in Australia, they are now in Fiji for a 10-month training scholarship at the Oceania Tennis Federation/International Tennis Federation facility. Seung Jin Paik and Ken Song are also with the group.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### SONY OPEN SCORES

**HONOLULU (AP)**—Scores Sunday from the Sony Open, a PGA Tour event played at the par-70 course of Waialae Country Club.

#### FINAL ROUND

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Justin Thomas (500), \$1,080,000   | 59-64-65-65—253 |
| Justin Rose (300), \$648,000       | 66-64-66-64—260 |
| Jordan Spieth (190), \$408,000     | 65-67-66-63—261 |
| Kevin Kisner (123), \$264,000      | 70-67-66-65—262 |
| Jamie Lovemark (123), \$264,000    | 64-68-65-65—262 |
| Zach Johnson (95), \$208,500       | 69-61-65-68—263 |
| Gary Woodland (95), \$208,500      | 64-64-68-67—263 |
| Charles Howell III (83), \$180,000 | 65-66-68-65—264 |
| Chez Reavie (83), \$180,000        | 67-67-69-61—264 |
| Jim Herman (75), \$162,000         | 66-67-67-65—265 |
| Russell Knox (68), \$144,000       | 64-67-66-69—266 |
| Sean O'Hair (68), \$144,000        | 66-69-67-64—266 |
| Luke List (53), \$102,857          | 67-64-69-67—267 |
| Webb Simpson (53), \$102,857       | 66-65-69-67—267 |
| Brian Gay (53), \$102,857          | 69-64-67-67—267 |
| Branden Grace (53), \$102,857      | 67-68-65-67—267 |
| Bill Haas (53), \$102,857          | 67-66-67-67—267 |
| Russell Henley (53), \$102,857     | 64-67-68-68—267 |
| Hudson Swafford (53), \$102,857    | 62-68-66-71—267 |
| Tony Finau (39), \$62,571          | 64-67-68-69—268 |
| Billy Hurley III (39), \$62,571    | 64-68-68-68—268 |
| Michael Kim (39), \$62,571         | 67-67-68-66—268 |
| Marc Leishman (39), \$62,571       | 68-66-66-68—268 |
| Henrik Norlander, \$62,571         | 68-65-68-68—268 |
| Michael Thompson (39), \$62,571    | 65-68-72-63—268 |
| Brian Harman (39), \$62,571        | 66-67-66-69—268 |
| Mackenzie Hughes (27), \$39,100    | 68-65-68-68—269 |
| John Huh (27), \$39,100            | 68-69-69-63—269 |
| Kelly Kraft (27), \$39,100         | 69-67-65-68—269 |
| Peter Malnati (27), \$39,100       | 69-68-65-65—269 |
| Hideki Matsuyama (27), \$39,100    | 66-67-67-69—269 |
| Ollie Schniederjans (27), \$39,100 | 66-67-66-70—269 |
| Cameron Smith (27), \$39,100       | 68-65-68-68—269 |
| Hideki Tanihara, \$39,100          | 67-65-67-70—269 |
| Y.E. Yang (27), \$39,100           | 67-65-71-66—269 |
| Andres Gonzales (16), \$25,833     | 68-68-66-68—270 |
| James Hahn (16), \$25,833          | 68-68-66-68—270 |
| Ben Martin (16), \$25,833          | 66-68-67-69—270 |
| Stewart Cink (16), \$25,833        | 66-70-68-66—270 |
| Kevin Na (16), \$25,833            | 66-68-66-70—270 |
| Kyle Stanley (16), \$25,833        | 71-66-66-67—270 |
| Shawn Stefani (16), \$25,833       | 64-70-67-69—270 |
| Daniel Summerhays (16), \$25,833   | 66-68-66-70—270 |
| Tim Wilkinson (16), \$25,833       | 67-67-67-69—270 |
| Daniel Berger (10), \$18,060       | 65-67-69-70—271 |
| Ryan Brehm (10), \$18,060          | 68-66-64-71—271 |
| Rory Sabbatini (10), \$18,060      | 63-69-70-69—271 |
| Brian Stuard (10), \$18,060        | 66-71-68-66—271 |
| Bryson DeChambeau (7), \$14,430    | 69-67-66-70—272 |
| Satoshi Kodaira, \$14,430          | 65-66-70-71—272 |
| David Lingmerth (7), \$14,430      | 67-67-70-68—272 |
| William McGirt (7), \$14,430       | 68-69-66-69—272 |
| Bryce Molder (7), \$14,430         | 72-61-72-67—272 |
| Seamus Power (7), \$14,430         | 69-66-67-70—272 |
| Robert Streb (7), \$14,430         | 68-67-67-70—272 |
| Richy Werenski (7), \$14,430       | 65-69-69-69—272 |
| Zac Blair (5), \$13,320            | 70-66-70-67—273 |
| Trey Mullinax (5), \$13,320        | 69-68-68-68—273 |
| Scott Piercy (5), \$13,320         | 66-66-71-70—273 |
| Vijay Singh (5), \$13,320          | 65-70-70-68—273 |
| Vaughn Taylor (5), \$13,320        | 68-69-65-71—273 |
| Jason Bohn (5), \$12,960           | 66-68-67-73—274 |
| Gonzalo Fdez-Castano (4), \$12,840 | 67-68-71-69—275 |
| Scott Brown (4), \$12,540          | 70-67-69-70—276 |
| Rod Pampling (4), \$12,540         | 68-66-71-71—276 |
| J.T. Poston (4), \$12,540          | 68-67-71-70—276 |
| Miguel Tabuena, \$12,540           | 67-65-72-72—276 |
| Billy Horschel (3), \$12,240       | 69-67-69-72—277 |
| Jon Curran (3), \$12,000           | 65-71-70-72—278 |
| Pat Perez (3), \$12,000            | 67-67-68-76—278 |
| Jared Sawada, \$12,000             | 68-66-71-73—278 |
| Fabian Gomez (3), \$11,760         | 69-66-71-73—279 |
| Ken Duke (3), \$11,640             | 71-65-70-74—280 |

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# 2017 JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Basketball League Opening

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McDonald's Joe Ayuyu Jr., third left, receives the appreciation award from JEM Company Ltd.'s Edward Flores during the opening ceremony of the 2017 JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Jan. 8 at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. Also in the photo are JEM Company Ltd. president Jovita Flores, left, and her employees.



League commissioner Marlon Sison lets representatives of the participating teams pick their numbers to determine the pairings in the opening day.



JEM Company Ltd. president Jovita Flores addresses the participating teams.



Players of Top Development, Inc. and their muse pose for a photo.

Mobil players and their muse pose for a photo.



Coca-Cola/Subway players pose with their muses.



Mariana Resort players and their muse pose for the camera.



Star Water players and their muse and supporters gather for a group photo.



Clutch  
Rodgers leads  
Packers past  
Cowboys, 34-31

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Coume Kaga, seen here serving during last year's North Pacific Regional Championships at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts, won the consolation draw in the girls U14 in the 2017 Victorian Junior Grasscourt Championships in Australia last Saturday.

## Coume conquers foe in finals

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Coume Kaga made sure she won't leave Australia empty-handed after bagging the championship in the consolation group of the girls U14 singles event in the 2017 Victorian Junior Grasscourt Championships.



Coume duplicated her sister's feat after beating Iva Pandurevic in the finals, 6-1, 6-3, last Saturday at the Wodonga Tennis Centre in Wodonga, Victoria. Coume's sibling, Conatsu, earlier topped the consolation draw of the 2017 Margaret Court Cup held in Albury, New South Wales.

The Kaga siblings both saw action in the 32-player main draw of the girls U14 singles with Coume winning her first round match after sweeping Lauren Milosis, 7-5, 6-0. Conatsu and Malika Miyawaki also prevailed in their opening games with the former topping Maya Jakubiszyn, 6-1, 6-1, and the latter downing Cameron Goss, 6-1, 6-2, respectively.

In the second round, all three CNMI players bowed to their foes, dropping them to the loser's bracket. Miyawaki was beaten by No. 3 seed Leacy Argent, 6-4, 6-0; No. 2 Tamada Aulia blanked Conatsu, 6-0, 6-0; and No. 4 Tamada Bajagic defeated Coume, 6-1, 6-2.

After their losses, the three Commonwealth bets quickly regained their bearings with Coume sweeping her last four

matches to rule the group and Conatsu and Miyawaki making it to the quarterfinals and

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## MHS upsets Rollers 1; CTSI wins

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Marianas High School ended Rollers 1's winning streak after registering a 48-37



upset in their U16 division game in the 2016 TanHoldings Christmas Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

MHS, which improved to an even 2-2 record, outgunned Rollers 1 in the second half to hand the latter its first loss in five games. Rollers 1 was held to six field goals in the second half,

which began with MHS just behind by a point, 20-21.

A triple from E.J. Abejo at the start the second half switched the favor to MHS and the team managed to keep the upper hand after drawing contributions from six other players. Abejo, Sunjoon Tenorio, Jefferson Sagum made at least two field goals apiece for MHS, while Sherwin Agustin, John Prado, Louie Calayag, Morey Reyes, and Jedial Manalo also hit the board for the winning team.

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CTSI's Mary Kay Alferos, left, hits the breaks before pulling up for a shot against a QQ Rent A Car defender during their women's division game in the TanHoldings holiday caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

## Japanese pros conduct baseball clinic

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Players from Japan's Nippon Professional Baseball are in town and held a short clinic at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield last Sunday.

About 20 youth and adult players on Saipan participated in the one-hour clinic conducted by the seven pros who play for three different teams—Yomiuri Giants, Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters, and Yokohama DeNA BayStars.

"It was a great clinic even if it was just a short one. We got some tips from the pros



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Saipan players watch a Japanese pro bat during a baseball clinic last Sunday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

and some words of encouragement," said Virgil Secharmidal, who will be playing in the new season of the Saipan Baseball League.

Secharmidal was joined in the clinic by other Big League players, who will be suiting up in some SBL teams after their division was scrapped from the Saipan Little League Baseball schedule. Major, Junior, and Senior League players also participated in the clinic.

"Continue playing even if it is hard to play. Do your best in every game because some people are watching and they may recruit you to play in col-

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